

Central Committee on Educational Technology

Minutes for meeting on March 13, 2007

Present: Lura Speth, Chair (Academic Computing), Susan DeMaio (Art History), Becky Adae (Academic Computing), Margo Mankus (Elementary Education), Rachel Rigolino (English), Jun Lin (Business), and Steve Vinson (History)

The meeting commenced at 10:05AM.

Members reviewed the minutes for the March 8, 2007 meeting. The affiliation of Susan DeMaio was to change to Art History. Minutes were then approved.

Old Business

Proposal 5 (Elementary Education): The Portable Learning Academy – Phase Two

Margo addressed the questions the committee had during the last meeting. The existing laptop computers were running slow when wireless cards were used.

Proposal 8 (Art): Specialization & Expansion of Art Dept. Technological Capabilities

The proposal was revised and resubmitted to the committee. The requested two Mac Pro workstations were reduced to one unit; HV10 HD camcorder was removed, and the ZR-800 digital camcorders were changed to four units. Along with other revision, the new requested total changed to \$21,017.60. The committee would continue to discuss this proposal after covering other issues first.

New Business

Lura passed on a spreadsheet showing the updated and itemized price information of all the 10 proposals of this year. With the new requested total of \$147,655.34, the committee still needed to cut \$12,215.

Proposal 7 (Music): Upgrading Music Technology Resources

The committee recognized the importance of the proposed equipments pertinent to the national accreditation of Music Department.

Questions: 1. How urgent is the need for the Vienna Software? Given the high price label at \$4100, will a price drop be possibly on the way in the near future?

2. Does the quote of \$3540 per each Macintosh Computer include any bundle software or training program?

The committee voted on the full proposal and gave it a ranking of 3.43.

Proposal 8 (Art): Specialization & Expansion of Art Dept. Technological Capabilities

The committee resumed the discussion on Proposal 8. The Epson printers were confirmed to be placed in OLB 107C and OLB 103D. With the understanding that Vinyl Express Letter Cutter Kit was subject to cut, the committee voted on the proposal and gave it a ranking of 3.43.

Proposal 10 (Foreign Language): Technology and Internationalizing SUNY-New Paltz

The committee discussed each of the items listed in the proposal and expressed the following concerns:

1. LC 110 and 112 are two of the computer labs that have been underused.
2. Harper Collin CD-Rom Dictionary (\$17,000): What is the justification for Foreign Language Department instead of the library to acquire it? Will it run only from CD, which would add complications to the maintenance and technical support?
3. Advanced DVD Eurotalk: How will it be incorporated into Curriculum? Student utilization is one of the key requirements of SCAP funding.
4. InterLex WinSalsa (\$1884): Will it run from CD only? Will it work with WinXP? (The proposal mentioned that 62 licenses are needed for LC 112 (29 copies) and LC 110 (33 copies) on page 1).
5. Duden Korrekto: German (\$1808): Besides the visiting professor, who else in the department will teach German and utilize the program?
6. MS Proofing tools will be part of the standard Office upgrade and arranged by Academic Computing.

The committee also reviewed the evaluation provided by Dariann Zielinski.

The committee gave this proposal a ranking of 1.29.

Voting on Proposals

The ranks for each proposal were summarized as follows:

1. Physics 3.75
2. Geography 4.0
3. Comm/Media-Dincki 3.71
4. Comm/Media-McQuaide 1.85
5. Elementary Education 3.75
6. Engineering 4.0
7. Music 3.43

8. Art - Revised 3.43
9. Chemistry 4.0
10. Foreign Language 1.29

Based on all the previous discussions and ranks of the proposals, the committee had an overall estimate of the budgeting scenario. Lura moved to fully fund each proposal that was ranked above 3.0 (with the Letter Cutter of #8 on condition). Margo seconded it. The committee voted all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26AM.

Respectfully submitted by
Jun Lin