

**State University of New York at New Paltz
Central Committee on Educational Technology
Minutes for 3/7/08 Meeting**

Attendance: Lura Speth (Chair); Rebecca Adae; Margo Lynn Mankus; Andy Perry; Susan DeMaio; Rachel E. Rigolino; Laura Dull; Brenna Fearey; Emily Puthoff

Meeting called to order at 11:39AM

Minutes for 2/29/08 meeting were reviewed. No discussion. Andy seconded Lura's motion to accept minutes. All accepted.

Old Business:

Art:

Lura researched the 512 MB of memory priced at \$719.00 for an HP 5550 color laser jet printer. HP states that it will not warranty their printers if we were to use another brand of memory. Lura was, however, able to get a lower quote of \$614.36. The purchase, seconded by Rebecca, passed unanimously.

Communication and Media:

Gregory Bray clarified our questions. Hard disk capture is not yet available with SONY Ziu cameras, but the equipment the department already owns is SONY; therefore, the Ziu cameras would work more seamlessly with other SONY devices and these manual cameras are less expensive. The software, After Effects, will run on all of their computers. The motion, seconded by Margo, passed with one abstention.

New Business:

The remaining 6 proposals were submitted after the first deadline; therefore they were reviewed only until after the committee finished the initial 9 proposals.

English - Instant Student Access to Multi-Media Resources:

Average rank of 4. There was little discussion as the committee understood the request to be a very logical extension of technology already being used in the classroom in a viable, thought-provoking manner.

Music – Upgrading Music Technology Resources:

Average rank of 2.125 with one abstention. The committee thought this proposal was confusing and weak. It was not clear why software and an iMac to replace CD Players, when iTunes can be downloaded for free onto any PC. Furthermore, iPods or MP3 players are ubiquitous among students. One Wi-Micro system had already been added to the first proposal as the sensors Music requested could not be used without it. The committee felt it would be more prudent to see how fruitful the installation of the sensors would be first. If that runs well, it is suggested that the department reapply for funds next year.

Art – Specialization and Expansion of Art Department Technological Capabilities:

Average rank of 4. The committee agreed to rank the Photography portion of this proposal only, as the Foundations program had already received the maximum amount in the first round. All 3 Epson Stylus 4880 Ultrachrome printers were approved.

Electrical Engineering -- Upgrading Computers in WSB 105:

Average rank of 4. In order to participate in the University program of Cadence, Inc., the department needs 64-bit PCs.

Biology – Computers for Biology Labs:

Average rank of 1. This proposal is problematic for a number of reasons. Most importantly, it requests a wireless lab for desktop iMacs. At this point wireless technology is for laptop environments. No explanation was given why iMacs were necessary versus PCs, which are much less expensive. Academic computing does not support the requested Okidata printer on our network. Arrangements for installation of the ceiling projector must be made with IMS. A separate security device must also be purchased. Finally, it is not clear how the computers would be used during lab periods. Since no software was proposed, it appears that the intent is only to use appropriate websites.

Library – Kiosk-based Access to High-end Color Scanning for Students to Digitize Printed Material for Inclusion in General Assignments and Research Projects:

Average rank of 3.2. Although this device is significantly more expensive than the digital sender recently installed in the library computer lab, its interface, functionality, and quality are superior. The proposal assumes that color printing will occur at the student help desk. Requests for scanners occur about once per day. The committee's main concern was how the library would limit the use of the equipment to only students, faculty and staff. The proposal was voted on with the stipulation that some sort of authentication system connecting to our network would have to be installed.

Second Round Funding:

With \$39,655.14 going in to the second round, Lura made a motion to fund in full all proposals with rankings of 4. After fully funding the proposals from English, Electrical Engineering, Photography, and the one remaining item from the first round (HP memory for Art), there was \$13,759 left. The next highest ranked proposal was the kiosk scanner with PC for the library at a cost of \$25,993. The committee had been told earlier that the library might be able to partially fund this item.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Adae