Information Technology Committee
Minutes
2006-2007 Meeting #3
December 6, 2006, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific Time)

Present: Anderson (Chair), Cronk, Frenzel, Funabiki, Pendergraft, Schlater
Absent: Goodwin, Hatch, Hughett, Krogh

Call to Order: Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in room 101 of the Ag Biotech Building

Business:

1) Review of the November 28, 2006 Faculty Council discussion of Digital Measures. Digital Measures is a database program that has been adopted by the university to capture data from curriculum vitae, job descriptions, and annual performance reviews. David Schlater was able to attend the Faculty Council meeting. He shared his notes and observations. It was clear from the Faculty Council meeting minutes and from David’s comments that many of the councilors had serious reservations about the efficacy of Digital Measures.

The committee members discussed their own experiences with Digital Measures. Many of the comments mirrored concerns about the program raised by Faculty Council. The consensus was that it was an administrative tool rather than a faculty productivity tool.

A question was raised regarding whether the Information Technology Committee should play a role in the implementation of programs such as Digital Measures. The committee members felt that the current challenge of implementing Digital Measures was a problem identification problem and/or a management problem, not an information technology problem. In the future, the committee would be very willing to work with and advise university administration to assist in evaluating information technology solutions for faculty.

2) Plan to upgrade WebCT to Campus Edition version 6.
David Schlater discussed preliminary plans for upgrading the WebCT course management system to version 6. David is developing an implementation plan for the migration to the new version. The new version will require additional server capacity and support personnel. The current plan is to begin testing the new version during the spring 2007 semester. Initial implementation will occur during the fall 2007 term. All courses would be switched over to version 6 during the summer of 2008. David said the Center for Teaching Innovation is seeking faculty volunteers to begin working with version 6.

3) Other business.
Jim Frenzel requested that the Registrar explore whether the following capabilities could be achieved in Banner: the ability to identify the percentage of student evaluations completed; the option to allow students to view instructor evaluations; and the tracking of true majors to avoid double listing.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held in January, 2007, date and time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Professor Erik T. Anderson, Chair 2006-2007