TPC Meeting Notes

Attendance:
Present: Michael Irvine, Greg Nelson, Derek Wilson, Steve Newton, Aaron Osheroff, Shook Chung, Valerie Ware, Kofi Opong Mensah, Cheryl Rogow, Paul Tejedor

Absent: John Hinds, Mary Sage, Patrick Ekoue-totou, Pearl Ly, Frank Crosby

Notes

1. Agenda was approved
2. Minutes from 2-26-15 - no changes/additions
3. Sara McKinnon, Academic Senate President, provided copies of the separate Campus Technology Surveys administered to district Students and Faculty and Staff by WTC consultants to gather information used in the creation of the current Technology Plan. Sara suggested that the committee use the survey examples as a framework for creating new surveys to be administered to the same groups to gather information to be used in creation of the next 2017 plan which will have to be crafted during 2016-2017. TPC looked briefly at the surveys and decided to return with notes and comments on the survey examples at the next scheduled TPC meeting on March 26.
4. During the TPC discussion of computer replacement criteria, Aaron Osheroff, IT, asked whether there was any official policy regarding IT support of non-Windows computers (i.e. Macs). It was established that although there was no specific policy regarding this, IT staff would solve any issues that they can, and that if outside support is necessary, this is provided. The policy of the district is to purchase a service plan for new computers if possible. Greg Nelson, VP of College Operations, added that this cannot be paid for by Bond money and has to come out the district’s general funds.

Although Patrick Ekoue-totou, IT Director, was not present he had provided guidelines for computer replacement used by SRJC. TPC reviewed these guidelines and noted that our situation was different from SRJC. We do not have Bond funds designated for computer replacement as in the case at SRJC. Perhaps in a future bond designation, this will be stipulated.

TPC noted that it is written in our Technology Plan, that, as in the SRJC plan, computers are to be replaced every seven years. Greg added that it is usually a stipulation of a bond that any equipment purchased by the bond must be replaced in 5 or 7 years, depending on the type of equipment.

It stipulates in our plan that a plan for replacement of faculty and staff computers and student lab computers should be created. Currently our faculty and staff computers have mostly been replaced and many student lab computers have been replaced but no plan for regularly scheduled replacement has been made. The exception to this is the HP PCs which make up a large number of the district PCs. These are on a 4-year lease and the yearly cost of approximately $140K is a continuing annual debt that the district has assumed. Plans for replacement of student lab computers is subject to prioritization of
need and the financial abilities of the current budget at any given time. Funds collected through the newly activated student technology fee and funds granted through the yearly instructional equipment lottery funds will aid in the purchase of this equipment. When virtualization is implemented, costs for computer purchase and leasing will hopefully decrease.

Valerie Ware, student, asked why wi-fi printing is not available for students as it is for faculty and staff. Patrick was not available to answer this question, but perhaps can answer this question.

Next meeting date: March 26, 2015, 2-3:30, SMN 137