Meeting Summary

November 13, 2008
206 Durham


• Meeting called to order at 5:10PM
• Agenda is approved
• Minutes are approved
• Financial Report, Bowman
  • 2008-2009 Computer Fee Income Summary
• Reports
  • LAS, Herriges
    • Funds are allocated through a series of calls for proposals evaluated by the LASCAC
      • A fall call for technology-related proposals, and a spring call for computer-related projects
      • Fall: Computer based instructional material for LAS courses; not hardware
        • Typically allocate about $150K for this call; 7-10 proposals
      • Spring: Where most money is allocated; mostly for hardware and some software and operating expenditures
        • Allocate about $1,000,000 to this call; receive 45-55 proposals; fund projects ranging from $5K to $95K
      • Accounting is difficult; expenditures cross more than one fiscal year, so accounting for spending within a fiscal year more difficult.
• Veterinary Medicine, Booth
  • CLEM committee allocates funds
    • Meets monthly
    • Majority of money is spent on recurring costs; infrastructure for wireless, maintaining laptops
    • do a lot of streaming video, uses a lot of storage space
    • Used to have 3 computer labs, now down to 1; mainly for guests and senior students
      • about 14 computers
      • other labs are being phased out
    • VetMed has benefited greatly from CAC project funding
  • McLeod: Ag, Business, and Computer Science presenting in January

• Old Business
  • McLeod: Unit reports have all been turned in
  • McLeod: We’ll now open the discussion on whether to change the funding level allocated for projects in the call for proposal
    • Townsend: First of all, maybe we should narrow our guidelines so that we get only truly innovative proposals, and not lab upgrades or wireless stations
    • Campbell: There seems to a conflict between general student benefit and innovation, because it’s difficult to be both, and that’s where the committee gets stuck
    • Zachary: Looking at the special groups funding handout, it seems that these special groups never received more than about $112K, excluding Extension
      • Zachary: These would be the groups that we need to serve, that have no other access to central pool funding
    • McLeod: Well, the more funds that are sent back to the colleges, is there a reason for CAC to exist?
      • Zachary: There are many policy issues that haven’t been addressed since the very beginning of CAC
    • McLeod: So does someone want to make a motion?
    • Townsend: Motion to change allocation for projects to $375,000 and let the rest flow through to the colleges
- Zachary seconds
- Motion passes
- McLeod: Discussion on the call for proposals
  - McLeod: What are some issues with the call?
  - Twetten: I’ve noticed that we’ve moved away from funding the lab proposals that come through; should we state that somewhere in the call?
  - Bowman: Could say we’ll only consider lab proposals that meet one of the other priorities of the call
  - Twetten: Motion to change call to say only labs that meet the first three priorities will be considered
    - Pattee seconds, motion passes
  - Twetten: There seems to have been some debate about what expenditures are/are not supported
  - Bowman: There are the guidelines which apply to all expenditures made with student fees, but for the purpose of the call there’s been the expenditure table that further limits what can be purchased
    - Bowman: Personally, I think you could scrap that table
    - Fath: I agree that we could get ride of the table, but then we’d have to make clear that we can line item expenditures that we don’t deem appropriate
  - Campbell: Motion to remove the criteria table and add language that CAC reserves the right to line item
    - Twetten seconds, motion passes
  - Booth: The call mentions computers specifically, but technology in classrooms goes beyond just computers
  - Townsend: Motion to change instances of ‘computer’ in the call to ‘academic technology’ (where possible)
    - Zachary seconds, motion passes
  - McLeod: Do we have to motion and pass all of the changes?
    - Twetten: In the past we’ve had a subcommittee draft changes for us to discuss and vote on
    - Subcommittee volunteers: McLeod, Twetten, Bowman, Fath
  - McLeod: Any other items for the good of the cause?
- Meeting adjourned: 6:57PM