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Members Present: O. Benavides (Chair), R. Amarasinghe, R. Boes,  
J. Cagle, L. Harding, K. Moffitt, E. Nelson,  
P. Newell, S. Seepersad, C. Won.

Members Absent: B. Auernheimer (excused), M. Bach (excused),  
R. Parker (excused), D. Nef (excused),  
D. Martin (excused), L. Newlander (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Otto Benavides at 1:10 p.m. in the Education Building room # 316.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2009.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Chair O. Benavides encouraged members to join the ETAN, the EdTechActionNetwork at <http://www.edtechactionnetwork.org> because of its importance to technology and education.

4. (APM 206) Interim Policies & Procedures on Technology Mediated Courses.

This policy proposed revision was posted for review by the AIT Committee:

[http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6\\_6c5zv8gg5&invite=kntj74](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6_6c5zv8gg5&invite=kntj74)

The committee discussed the scope of the policy. The documents currently online at Google Docs are:

[http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6\\_6c5zv8gg5](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6_6c5zv8gg5)

[http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6\\_8tmbxhrck&hl=en](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6_8tmbxhrck&hl=en)

5. Student Laptop Recommendations – R. Boes.

R. Boes gave an update on student laptop review with a goal of finding a minimal cost configuration (2 GB RAM, 160 GB hard drive, dual core processor, DVD) a student could use for 3 years without becoming obsolete. Netbooks are attractive for some purposes, but properly configured (e.g., 1 GB RAM memory) would cost almost as much as a laptop with less functionality. The statement being developed will recommend a laptop with a note advising for netbooks are possible as a

secondary device, but should not yet be considered as a primary computer. The minimum standard is what is used by the Financial Aids Office in calculating student need and support.

For example, the following specifications and pricing are based off of the Dell online site specifically for CSU, Fresno students.

Dell Laptop Min configuration:

(Based off of the Dell Inspiron 15 laptop model with basic options priced at: \$580.00 before taxes and shipping)

Min Memory: 2 Gbytes

Min Processor: Intel® Pentium® Dual Core T4200  
(2.0GHz/800Mhz FSB/1MB cache)

Min Hard Drive: 160GB SATA Hard Drive (5400RPM)

Dell Desktop Min configuration:

(Based off of the Dell Inspiron 530 desktop model with basic options priced at: \$548.00 before taxes and shipping)

Min Memory: 3GB Dual Channel DDR2 SDRAM at 800MHz - 4 DIMMs

Min Processor: Intel® Pentium® dual-core processor E5200 (2MB L2, 2.5GHz, 800FSB)

Min Hard Drive: 320GB Serial ATA Hard Drive (7200RPM)  
w/DataBurst Cache™

The recommended configuration for Apple computers will be comparable.

MSC that Academic Information Technology (AIT) support a recommendation for a laptop minimum configuration with 2 GB RAM, 160 GB hard drive, dual core processor, & DVD.

6. Laptop Refresh Plan Update.

R. Boes summarized conclusions on Faculty Laptop Refresh: keeping the size of laptops in current program, deferring monitor refresh to a 5-year cycle. All of the leases in the program have a dollar buyout to the leasing company. The University is recovering the laptops centrally and these will be re-assigned for various purposes. The bulk of the machines will go to the Library checkout. There will also be a reserve pool for faculty to check out (e.g., on a semester basis).

7. New Phone System Update.

R. Boes gave an update on a design for the new phone system just approved. The design takes the budgetary situation into account. The new system will replace the old system that can no longer be maintained with a new system that can be maintained and is extensible into newer features (e.g., video). The final purchase agreement is currently being worked out and phone deployments are scheduled to begin in June.

8. Old Business.

None.

9. New Business.

None.

MSC to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Information Technology Committee (AIT) will be on Monday, 23 March 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the University Center #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 3/9/2009.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. (APM 206) Interim Policies and Procedures on Technology Mediated Courses.
5. Homepage Redesign - Brent Auernheimer.
6. (ATAC) Academic Technology Advisory Committee Update – Chair O. Benavides.
7. Old Business.
8. New Business.