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Members Present: B. Auernheimer, J. Cagle, K. Moffitt, D. Martin,
                     D. Nef, P. Newell, R. Parker, M. Yousef,
                     M. Bach (rep ITSC).

Members Absent: O. Benavides (Chair), R. Amarasinghe,
                     S. Seepersad (excused Fall 2007),
                     E. Nelson, L. Harding.

The meeting was called to order by Chair pro tempore John Cagle at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Building room # 316.

1.   Minutes.   MSC to approve the Minutes of 10/8/2007 with one
                       notation that Mike Bach represents the
                       Information Technology Support Council (ITSC).

2.   Agenda.   MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.

3.   Communications and Announcements.

      None.

4.   Learning Management Systems (Brent Auernheimer).

      Brent reported on Learning Management Systems (LMS). Some
      interesting Blackboard statistics included: 112 web-based courses
      and 2,675 web-enhanced courses. CSU talks about Learning
      Management Systems vs. Course Management Systems, the
      acronym of which conflicts with CMS.

      Open source has Moodle and Sakai.

      CSUF: Blackboard hosted off-site with CAS authentication, which
      generates rosters from CIS; streaming video on demand is read to
      go when TII is up and running, with ample storage. Alfresco is a

content management program useful. Ties between Blackboard and Peoplesoft, Elluminate, Turnitin e-reserve, podcasting & iTunes, and on-demand video (MPEG-4) were described.

Cost for LMS is about $22 per learner, not including staff time. At Fresno State, it costs about $170,000 for hardware and software licenses. It is anticipated these costs will increase about 5% a year. Open Source alternatives were discussed. The current CSU Blackboard contract expires summer 2008. Some CSU campuses are shifting to Moodle. Some WebCT campuses are unhappy. The contract process in the next several months was described. Sakai 2.0 is one possibility, much improved over Sakai 1.5; it feels very "Blackboardish." [Brent is the CSU representative on Sakai.] He described several opportunities and challenges.

5.   Web Support Council advice to IETCC

Cagle asked for advice from AIT on the need for and nature of a web support council to advise on matters related to the University's website, especially the first two layers of the homepages. After discussion of problems observed in the homepage and related pages, it was

> MSC The AIT committee recommends that the university web presence be refocused to be useful for faculty, students, and staff. Further, the AIT committee, having been involved with the creation of the university web, believes that the core structure of the organization of the university's website has lost its function. AIT recommends that a web council will be reconvened to conduct usability studies to identify priorities for the structure of the university's information on the web.

6.   Technology Plan 2007-2008 - Ten Initiatives.

The committee discussed the Technology Plan 2007-2008 Ten Initiatives document (currently under distribution by the Provost for comment). The need for addressing some problems in SMART Classroom design and implementation were discussed, including the placement of the instructor station within the room, the luminosity of the projectors, etc. It was decided to ask Classroom Services to a meeting soon to discuss these matters and ways by which faculty input into continuing design discussions might be achieved.

[Shortly after the meeting, it was noted that TLT Classroom and Video Services already has a open forum scheduled on November

6th from 2-3:30 in UC-202 to talk about smart classroom refresh. So we might want to wait until after the open forum to bring it to the AIT agenda.]

MSC to adjourn (2:30 p.m.)

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Information Technology Committee (AIT) will be November 5th, 2007.

Agenda.

1.   Approval of Minutes of 10/22/2007.
2.   Approval of Agenda.
3.   Communications and Announcements.
4.   ATAC Update.
5.   Elluminate Presentation - John Wilkin Time certain 1:30 PM.
6.   New Business.