

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMMITTEE on COMPUTER RESOURCES
An Academic Senate Standing Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2006, in M-127 at 2 PM

Attending: Sharon Ellerton, Robert Kueper, Danny Mangra, Jun Shin, George Thorsen and Craig Weber.

Absentees: Nam Jong Moh, Phyllis Pace

1. Minutes from the Nov. 8, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Tech fee funding:
 - a. Chair Thorsen reviewed the recycling schedule noting that the number of items requiring replacement grows while tech fee remains static. This can probably be accomplished because we are anticipating lower prices for the replacement PCs.
 - b. Prof. Kueper discussed other uses of tech fee funds:
 - ✓ Special projects – examples include “clickers” and outfitting classrooms. Tom Gerson may have clickers available to try out in the classroom. Phil Pecorino occasionally sends out e-mails detailing specifics of the special projects.
 - ✓ Enterprise money, ~ 10% of the tech fee funds (approximately \$1.2 million). Money goes to CUNY. Some local autonomy exists for the use of these funds but principally for projects that benefit the entire CUNY community. The plug-ins to Blackboard are an example of how Enterprise money is used is. Another example is a contract with Microsoft that allows faculty and staff free access to all common PC MS applications including Front Page, Web Expression, and Vista. It will be available for both office and home computer use.
 - c. Chair Thorsen clarified the warranty status for the tech funded computers. All machines are covered with 4 year warranties: 1st year manufacturer’s warranty along with a 3 year extended warranty.
3. CCR newsletter – status of the articles was discussed. With regard to Pace’s article on departmental computer lab hours, a link to the ECET web-site was requested.
4. A possible article for next semester: specialized software that is discipline specific: ex. Autocad.
5. There was a general consensus to postpone any discussion of the security web cams until the Spring 2007 semester.
6. Chair Thorsen indicated he would e-mail the committee during intersession and establish a schedule for a Feb. 2007 meeting and subsequent meetings.
7. Motion to adjourn at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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