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Minutes
November 30, 2015
McGinnis Room/Briggs Library

Present: Chris Atkinson, Sylke Boyd, Rachel Brockamp, Mike Cihak, Chris Dallager, LeAnn Dean, Jim Hall, Lisa Harris, Matt Senger

0. Meeting was called to order by Sylke. Introductions were made.

1. Rachel Brockamp from MCSA led a discussion on Tech Fee procedures.
- The new application deadline is February 15, 2016. This is approximately one month earlier than past deadlines. The hearings will take place on March 5, 2016. The earlier deadline gives MCSA more time to review applications.
- A meeting or consultation is required before submission of Tech Fee application. In the past, it has been difficult to determine whether such a meeting had actually taken place. Going forward, Rachel will generate a list so that the consultants can verify meetings with applicants.
- MCSA is currently discussing whether Tech Fee can be used to fund subscription proposals (such as software licensing). It's not clear that funding software subscriptions is sustainable. This does not affect this application cycle, but should be firmed up for the 2017 cycle. Mike pointed out that subscription based licensing seems to be the future for software. In response, Chris D. suggests that MCSA use non-binding language on this to allow for fees to be used flexibly.
- Rachel indicated the Green Reinvestment Fund is a possible alternative funding source for applications that are not funded by Tech Fee.

2. Jim Hall gave feedback with respect to the Campus Technology Plan from the Big Block of Cheese Day.
- Students gave feedback on campus technology on a publicly accessible whiteboard in the Student Center.
- The main themes were:
  - MyU frustration
  - desire for a more organized UMM website
  - desire for a better search engine on the UMM website
  - requests for better WiFi in Briggs, the dining hall, the apartments, and elsewhere on campus
  - smart boards
  - Moodle tweaks to help students know when assignments are due
- MyU is handled at the TC level. WiFi improvements are in progress. The Scantron is also being relocated to a more accessible location. Further WiFi improvements, additional charging stations, and more printing options are planned. UMM website and Moodle improvements are also planned.
- The committee also discussed using technology to accommodate students not physically able to attend class.

3. Reports:
- LeAnn Dean, Library:
  - Aisles have now been widened for ADA compliance and books are back on shelves.
  - Library hosted a discussion with Visiting Professor of the Liberal Arts, Gary Nabhan.
  - The book sale was successful.
  - Wireless is coming soon.

- Chris Dallager, OAS:
  - Chris A. asked about blood drive personnel blocking physical access to Student Center with their vehicles. The campus needs to keep on top of letting visitors know where they may park. It's not clear who the right contact is here. Campus police? Sandy Olson-Loy?
- Jim Hall, IT:
  - Leaving UMM and has arranged transition. Matt Senger is the interim director of IT for a period of approximately one year beginning in December of 2015.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Chris Atkinson