

Meeting Notes from 08/10/09, 9:00 am, Weir Hall Room 107

**Members Present:** Christina Torbert, Joseph Gladden, Maurice Eftink, Penny Rice, Debra Riley-Huff, Robert Doerksen, Tiffany Tiwari, Debra Scardino

**Guests Present:** Kathy Gates, Johnny Price

### **Classroom Technology Project:**

Rice explained the Classroom Technology project to new committee members and passed out handouts containing photos and information for each of the classrooms proposed by department chairs as candidates to receive technology upgrades this year. These handouts may be viewed at <http://www.olemiss.edu/umct/2009candidateclassrooms/>.

This year's candidate classrooms were Bondurant E111, Bondurant E114, Coulter 200, Isom 103, Isom 303, Music 155, Shoemaker 114, Shoemaker 303, Shoemaker 323, Shoemaker 401, and Shoemaker 408. The Physics department requested a Smart Board to use between two of their classrooms, Lewis 101 and 109. There was also a request for Wireless Networking to be placed in Bryant Hall.

- Eftink reported that we have \$120k to work with this year.
- Price reported that we should allow approximately \$12,000 for rooms with a projector and wall plate, \$20,000 for rooms receiving a full lectern, and \$3,000 for a 52" HDTV monitor.
- A Full Multimedia Lectern setup will include a ceiling mounted projector, a projection screen, a lectern containing a computer, VCR/DVD player, document camera, controller, and sound system.
- Bondurant E-111 and Bondurant E114 received a projector and wall-plate through the Classroom Technology Policy several years ago. The committee expressed some concern that a full sized lectern would not fit into these classroom spaces. Price indicated that he had used a smaller lectern successfully in another classroom on campus and that we could use the same small lectern in these rooms. Because the rooms already have a projector, screen, wall-plate, and wiring in place, the cost to upgrade these two rooms to a full lectern would be around \$13,000 each.
- There was much discussion about Coulter 200. The request was for a projector and corner-mounted screen to allow the ability to project and write on the chalkboard at the same time. (Currently, the large projection screen covers the chalkboard when in the down position.) Someone asked if putting a chalkboard in the corner would serve the same purpose and cost much less. Someone else recommended that we might put in two HDTV monitors, one in each corner of the classroom. The committee liked this recommendation, and it should serve to fulfill their request. We will also replace the aging computer in this room. The approximate cost of two 52" HDTV monitors and a new computer is \$8,000.
- Isom 103 is a small computer lab that is used exclusively by the Theatre Arts department. A 52" HDTV that could be used as a computer monitor would be a

- good choice for this room.
- Because of the long and narrow layout of Isom 303 and because the room's usage is not very high, the committee recommended that a large screen HDTV would work equally as well as a projector/screen in this room and cost a lot less. We will offer Theatre Arts a 52" HDTV for this room.
  - The committee agreed that Music 155 would be a good candidate to receive a full lectern.
  - Shoemaker 114, 303 and 408 each have a projector, projection screen, and computer already in place. However, the computer systems are out of date and need to be replaced. The replacement cost would be around \$1200 per room.
  - Shoemaker 323 also has a projector, projection screen, and computer. The cost to replace the outdated computer and projector and to upgrade this room to a full lectern would be around \$15,000.
  - Shoemaker 401 has an existing projector, projection screen, and computer. The computer in this room needs to be replaced, and they would like to upgrade to a full lectern. The cost to do this would be \$9,000.
  - A Smart Board for the Physics department could be purchased for \$2,200. Price mentioned that a Smart Board might be too small for the Physics auditorium and that students in the back of the room might have a hard time viewing it. He suggested that we look into some type of tablet device that could be connected to the computer and allow the instructor to write equations and draw diagrams that would be displayed using the overhead LCD projector. Price will look into the cost of such a device and demo it for the Physics department.
  - Because pricing was not available for the wireless networking in Bryant Hall, the committee recommended that we contact the campus network group to get pricing before making the decision to approve this request.

The committee recommended that the following rooms receive technology upgrades this year.

<b>Room</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Approximate Cost</b>
Bondurant E111	Upgrade to full lectern	\$13,000
Bondurant E114	Upgrade to full lectern	\$13,000
Coulter 200	Two 52" HDTV monitors and a new computer	\$8,000
Isom 103	52" HDTV monitor	\$3,000
Isom 303	52" HDTV monitor	\$3,000
Music 155	Full lectern	\$20,000
Shoemaker 114	New computer	\$1,200
Shoemaker 303	New computer	\$1,200
Shoemaker 323	Upgrade to full lectern	\$15,000
Shoemaker 401	Upgrade to full lectern	\$9,000

Shoemaker 408	New computer	\$1,200
Physics Department	Smart Board	\$2,200

All of the above requests can be met for approximately \$89,800.

**Text Messaging Students:**

Gates reported to the committee about a suggestion received recently from a student. This student would like for teachers to be able to text their students in case of class cancellations. Gates reported that we already collect student cell phone information as part of a student's MyProfile in myOleMiss. Gates wondered if instructors would like to see this ability added to the Class Rolls and Grades interface in MyOleMiss. The committee agreed that this is a very good idea. Gates said that IT would make this feature available soon. When available, an instructor will be able to choose to send a text message from the Class Rolls and Grades interface in myOleMiss.

The committee also discussed Facebook and the advantages and disadvantages of friending students. It was suggested that this committee develop a policy concerning Facebook usage. This policy would primarily be to provide appropriate use guidelines to students regarding content placed on Facebook. The committee agreed to meet again next month to further develop this policy.

The meeting was dismissed at 10:30 am.