

Meeting Notes from 09/19/06, 10:00am, Weir Hall Room 107

**Members Present:** Joey Brent, Buffy Choinski, Barbara Dougherty, Maurice Eftink, Kevin Herrera, Penny Rice, MK Smith

**Guests Present:** Julie Weiss – GTCOCalComp

**PRS Clicker Demo by Julie Weiss:**

Julie Weiss from GTCOCalComp gave a presentation on her company's PRS RF Clickers.

- PRS works with any book publisher.
- RF-Radio Frequency: 2.4GHz, 150 foot range
- Supports up to 2047 clickers per receiver
- Software runs on both Windows and Mac operating systems
- Clickers use 3AA batteries. Goal is 20-24 weeks per battery.
- Clickers can store homework so that a student can answer questions at home and bring them to class on the clicker to submit at the beginning of class. Clickers will store 3 banks of 30 questions.
- Students key in their ID number the first time they use a clicker. They can also change this ID number if they loan/sell their clicker to another person.

Julie also talked about their InterWrite PRS RF Campus-Wide Standardization Agreement.

- GTCO will provide in-service training for us if we sign the standardization agreement.
- University agrees to standardize on the PRS product family for audience response systems on campus. This does not preclude the University from purchasing other brands of response systems.
- University will only promote and support the PRS brand.
- GTCO will provide bookstore pricing for PRS RF Clickers at \$35 each whether purchase by the bookstore or University direct.
- GTCO will provide PRS receivers sufficient for the University to support PRS classrooms at no charge for as long as the agreement is in effect.
- GTCO will provide the University with an extended warranty on installed PRS RF receivers.
- GTCO will provide standard InterWrite PRS Software for use with PRS RF Clickers on a site license basis at no charge.

**Classroom Response System Standardization:**

The committee discussed clicker purchasing options. The bookstore has a no buyback policy. Other schools have an IT Store that sells clickers. Would it be possible for UM to create an IT store? Smith will investigate this further and let the committee know the results.

The committee agreed to sign the standardization agreement with GTCO CalComp for the use of their PRS RF Clickers. We will announce this decision on the FTDC Web Site and in the next issue of Tech News. We will begin providing support for these clickers by Spring 2007.

FTDC will purchase 50 RF Clickers and one receiver to house in the FTDC. These clickers will be used to provide training for faculty. They will also be available for a faculty member, who is interested in using clickers, to check out for use in the classroom.

The meeting was dismissed at 11:00am.