Meeting Notes from 10-19-15, 8:30am, Weir Hall Room 104

Members Present: Penny Rice, Jimmy Ball, Wayne Shaw, Maurice Eftink, Timothy Nordstrom, Ben Jones, Jonathan Howard

Examsoft, Respondus, and Questionmark:

There has been scattered interest around campus in exam creation software. The three main products on the market are Examsoft, Respondus, and Questionmark. As a committee, we would like to find faculty to review each of these products and possibly choose one as the campus standard and integrate with Blackboard.

Dr. Erik Hom began piloting Examsoft at the beginning of the fall semester and spoke briefly with the committee about his experiences with the software thus far. According to Dr. Hom, the positives are: a high security lockdown browser and the ability to download an exam in advance and take offline without requiring an active Internet connection while taking the exam. The exam file is date/time stamped and can be uploaded at a later date. Examsoft also provides the ability to randomize questions and answers and compile a test from a bank of questions. The negatives that Dr. Hom experienced are: taking exams outside of class in a home environment resulted in cheating and group test taking. The peer review function in Examsoft has a bug that allows viewing the name of the person who is grading a paper when it should be anonymous.

The committee would like to invite Dr. Hom back at the end of the semester to get more feedback from him after he has had more time to work with the Examsoft software. The committee was also tasked to find instructors who are willing to pilot Respondus and Questionmark during the fall or spring semesters.

Classroom Technology:

Rice reported that it is once again time to consider recommendations for this year's round of Classroom Technology enhancements. The provost office will once again provide up to $100,000 for these technology improvements.

Looking over existing classroom technology rooms on campus, it was brought to the committee's attention that many of these rooms have projectors that have reached end-of-life. These projectors can no longer be repaired, and replacement bulbs are hard to find and expensive. In addition, these projectors do not have an HDMI connection, which is becoming the standard connector type on newer computers and tablets. Because of this, the recommendation was made that we use funds from this year's Classroom Technology project to upgrade each of the end-of-life projectors, upgrade the control systems, and add an HDMI connector to the podiums in these rooms. The cost per room for this upgrade would be $4,905. The committee voted unanimously to move

forward with this recommendation. The following rooms will receive an updated projector, updated control system, and HDMI connector.

Anderson 231	Guyton Annex 207
Bishop 107	Guyton Annex 208
Bishop 112	Guyton Annex 209
Bishop 209	Lenoir 101
Bondurant 116W	Lenoir 107
Bondurant 111E	Meek 120
Bondurant 114E	Turner 239
Guyton Annex 119	Turner 243

The total cost to upgrade these 16 rooms will be $78,480. The committee recommended that the remaining funds to be used throughout the year for maintenance, with a portion of the these funds being used to purchase Window 10 upgrades for all existing Classroom Technology computers.

The meeting was dismissed at 9:30 am.