

Meeting Notes from 10-26-11, 10:30 am, Weir Hall Room 107

Members Present: Penny Rice, Maurice Eftink, Wayne Shaw, Patricia Oswalt

Guests Present: Brandon Keck and Rob Venrose - Turning Technologies, Denis Goulet - Biology

Clickers

Rice reported that the PRS RF Clicker that is the campus standard, will be discontinued by the fall semester of 2012. eInstruction, the company that currently supports the PRS clicker, has other clickers that will be available in its place. However, because the e-Instruction software is not very user friendly, and because their technical support has not been very good lately, now is the time to investigate other clicker brands.

Brandon Keck and Rob Venrose from Turning Technologies gave a demo of their company's clickers.

- TurningPoint software integrates into PowerPoint. Works with Office 2007 and 2010. A version of TurningPoint for Mac, which will integrate with Office 2011 will be released in the Spring of 2012.
- They currently have 200 ft. range and 400 ft. range receiver models.
- They have a cell phone application and also a computer application which will work in a mixed environment. So students could use their mobile device or laptop in place of a clicker if desired. An internet connection is required for this option to work. The application license would cost \$15 per year, whereas the clicker cost would be \$40 for life.
- Turning Technologies has clickers in 2300 universities and colleges.
- They have a Blackboard building block which integrates into the Blackboard grade center.
- Turning Key provides self paced testing.
- Remote Poll works for distance learning environments.
- Response Ware can be run from any web browser.
- A Presenter Card or Presenter Ware for the iPhone can be used by an instructor to advance slides and start/stop timers.
- They have a Braille clicker for sight-impaired students.

Cecille Labuda is currently piloting the Turning Technologies clickers in her Physics class.

The committee agree to look for other faculty on campus that might be interested in piloting the Turning Technologies clickers during the Spring semester.

The meeting was dismissed at 11:30 am.