

Meeting Notes from 07/27/06, 9:00am, Weir Hall Room 101

Members Present: Joey Brent, Maurice Eftink, Kevin Herrera, Amy Mark, Penny Rice, MK Smith

Classroom Response System Standardization:

Smith suggested that it would be beneficial to the University if we would standardize on one brand of clickers. This would eliminate the need for a student to purchase a different brand of clicker for each class. Students could then purchase a single clicker that they could use in all of their classes. Standardizing would also make it easier for IT to support this technology.

Eftink voiced concern about changing technology. Would a student be able to purchase a clicker during freshmen year and use the same clicker until graduation, or would changing technology make that clicker obsolete? Clicker companies have just begun moving to RF (radio frequency) based clickers. These RF clickers will support larger class sizes and do not require a receiver to be mounted in the classroom. The PRS RF clicker has a digital readout that makes it easier for students to know when an answer has been received. The committee decided that we would only support RF based clickers, since they are newer and easier to use.

We would like to talk to several vendors and look at their clickers so that we will know what our options are for standardization. Smith and Rice will set up a time for our committee to meet with a clicker vendor and discuss standardization options.

Mark brought up the topic of assessment. We need a way to assess the usefulness of various classroom technologies such as clickers. It was suggested that we might want to add a couple of questions to the course evaluation forms. We might also consider adding a few technology questions to the graduating student survey.

This committee will meet again in a few weeks to make a final decision on clicker standardization.

The meeting was dismissed at 10:20am.