

Library Educational Technology Committee Meeting November 1, 2010

Present: Peter Drake, Maureen Healy, Jennifer Hubbert, Freddy Vilches, Monique Halgat,
Ex-officio members: Mark Dahl, Kelly Wainwright, Dan Terrio, Susan Snyder

Application for Instructional Software Fund

Kelly told the group about an opportunity for faculty members to apply for instructional software from a pool of \$3,000 in Kelly's budget. The purpose of the grant is to encourage faculty to experiment in teaching and research. The applications are due November 19 and will be put into a spreadsheet. Then the Library Ed Tech Committee decides who will be awarded the funds. Peter will announce this opportunity to the faculty.

Senior Projects

Mark would like the committee to review the current system for archiving senior theses and senior projects. The library accepts theses in pdf files. Advisors approve them. Last year 50 were received. To be useful, the library needs a sizable archive of theses so that students may browse the work of previous students. If the Library Ed Tech Committee is supportive of the program this could encourage more submissions across departments and make the archive more useful. The Library also collects images of senior art projects through the Visual Resources Center and could consider collecting other senior projects in multimedia format (such as theater performances and music recitals). Maureen volunteered to work on senior theses and Mark volunteered to assist.

Future Directions for Watzek Library

Jane Hunter asked if this committee might consider potential future directions for the library. There was discussion whether it would be beneficial to consider future directions now before a permanent director is hired. The committee would like more guidance from Jane. Jennifer volunteered to speak with Jane for more information.

Departmental Computer Labs

Peter opened a discussion regarding the use and staffing of departmental computer labs.

- Dan said we need to consider if there are opportunities for improving efficiency.
- Statistics have been collected in labs over the last year to assess how labs are being utilized and what programs are being launched.
- It might help to know what equipment needs to be replaced.
- IT does not support Linux, the operating system used in the Math/Computer Science Lab.
- Kelly said that David Dean now works with most departmental labs to provide basic setup of computers. Many labs also have their own staff person.

Peter volunteered to work on gathering more computer lab information. Kelly will provide the list of labs to Peter.

Digital Initiatives

Mark explained that the library and faculty have been awarded small grants in the recent past for scholarly digital projects such as accessCeramics, Oregon Poetic Voices, and the Kosansky

Moroccan Jewish Community Archives projects, but believes that there may be an opportunity to compete for a larger scale institution-wide digital initiatives grant. Kelly DeFatti, Jane Hunter, and Mark are planning a two-hour faculty workshop to discuss the possibility of such a grant.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the library conference room 317.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Snyder