Academic Technology Committee Annual Report
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Student Computing

The committee reviewed and approved the student computing plan proposed by Bill Kline from the C.T.M. Services. Student computing facilities have been upgraded. New computers and furniture were ordered and received for Fisher 110 and Fisher 113. Fisher 113 now has a “round table” setting which was designed to facilitate group meetings and projects for students.

The committee discussed the needs for wireless printing across the campus. The C.T.M. Services is investigating the necessity and feasibility by researching similar services at other schools and universities.

The committee reviewed other issues regarding equipment failure, slow network speed, and other technical problems. C.T.M. has been notified to address these problems.

Faculty Computing

The committee approved the faculty computing plan proposed by Bill Kline from the C.T.M Services. Faculty with three or four years old laptop and desktop computers were given the opportunity to update. About 80% of the new computers have been ordered and received as this report is written.

The faculty computing budget has been over spent this year. The C.T.M. Services agreed to cover the overage from their own budget.

Other Technology

The committee reviewed the progress of the Video Learning Initiative (VLI) led by the provost’s office. Swarts 162 will be renovated this coming summer to make the room capable of broadcasting and receiving ITV courses. Upon completion, the new ITV classroom will be reoriented and painted, adding new TVs, equipment, and furniture, with seating capacity of about 30.

The committee also reviewed reports from Bill Kline regarding the Verizon and AT&T 4G LTE network performance on campus. Both companies are working to upgrade their equipment and antennas to provide better LTE coverage on this campus.