Annual Report
CCSU Information Technology Committee
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Principal Goals and Objectives for 2012-2013

- Solicit, evaluate and award money requested for software for 2013-2014
- Assess and develop plans for renovations to the multimedia technology in classrooms around campus.
- Address issues related to ConnSCU BOR Policies
- Reassess the implementation and use of the announce-only campus email listserv.

Outcomes:

- A large amount of committee time was spent discussing BOR IT Polices 001 and 002 and dealing with the BOR CIO on these policies. This effort went well beyond the ITC, and included AAUP representatives and ITC chairs from all 4 ConnSCU universities. Some successes were the agreement of the BOR CIO to include faculty input on future IT policy making committees. No real progress was made on revision of 001 and 002 except to acknowledge the existence of the collective bargaining agreements. More effort will be made to work with the BOR CIO, whoever that will be after June 1.

- In December, the ITC subcommittee on software requests received 33 requests for software and in January developed a prioritized list for review by the CIO and provost. Renewals and upgrade requests came to $170,000. This included a university wide license for Adobe products which allowed all faculty on and off-campus access to popular software like CreativeSuite 6, Acrobat and Dreamweaver.

- The computer classroom committee reported some progress on common issues of classroom lighting control. At the end of the Spring 2013 semester a classroom with lighting issues will have a low-cost control technology installed to see if existing rooms can be reasonably retrofit to shut the lights off over the screen. Progress was also made on "decluttering" NC 231. The committee is also looking for faculty input on future trends in classroom multimedia technology including wireless control and display and integration with tablets, etc. IT has an ongoing project to put classroom projectors on a fixed replacement cycle and to go to bulbless projectors which should improve reliability and decrease downtime.

- There is a project with IT underway to move to a sustainable paperless signature system to improve the speed and accuracy when processing student forms. The technology is not firmed up yet, but it may be more feasible when faculty are given access to SharePoint and Office365 in late summer 2013.

- Issues related to the campus listserver were not addressed this year.

Objectives for 2013-2014
- Solicit, evaluate and award money requested for software for 2014-2015
- Assess and develop plans for renovations to the multimedia technology in classrooms around campus.
- Work with the online-course assessment committee to develop a plan for assessing online courses at CCSU as well as specific recommendations for technology solutions.
- Pursue more sustainable methods of processing forms across campus.

Respectfully submitted,
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