**CTAB Applications & Equipment Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting –10/09/2013**

**Attending:** Marcia Burrell, Brenda Farnham, Dave Kahn, John Kane, Pat MacNeill, David McQuin, Tyrone Johnson-Neuland, Natalie Sturr, Abby Wiertzema, Tim Yager

1. **Update on campus wireless and future plans**

* Tyrone presented an informative update on wireless networking on campus. Below are some of the highlights
* Wireless Guest Network
  + One was in place for the Shineman/Rice Creek dedications and one exists for the Sheldon Guest Rooms. Both use a username/pw.
  + CTS has, and will continue to, work with Event Management to provide wireless access for conferences.
  + Sponsored Guest Accounts are available, and soon there will be a website where we/the sponsor can request wireless credentials for our guests. The credentials will be available immediately. The sponsor will be presented a link that will email the credentials to the end user. This is in beta-testing and should be available soon.
  + Care needs to be taken to not throttle down access too much, as our guests may need more than web page access. For example, they may want to stream video during a presentation.
* Shineman & new construction
  + CTS has developed a new standard for wireless coverage, beginning with Shineman. 99% of the Shineman has wireless coverage and classrooms are designed to support up to 3 devices per student
  + This standard will be used in construction projects going forward
* Plan for existing spaces
  + CTS will use Mahar as a basis for creating a costing template to determine budgetary numbers for expanding and improving wireless within existing spaces
  + CTS hopes to have a plan in place by the end of the semester
* Eduroam – <http://www.eduroam.org>
  + From their web site:

eduroam (**edu**cation **roam**ing) is the secure, world-wide roaming access service developed for the international research and education community.

eduroam allows students, researchers and staff from participating institutions to obtain Internet connectivity across campus and when visiting other participating institutions by simply opening their laptop.

* + CTS is exploring this service. It is popular in Europe and Canada and is just catching on in the US
  + It sounds like it has exciting possibilities

1. **Cell phone coverage**

* Natalie asked if there were problems with cell phone coverage in Shineman or the Villages – LEED buildings. There have been interesting discussions on the COA Listserv
* Ty said that although other campuses are seeing big problems, we are not. Univ of Albany is looking at possible solutions for their campus, and other SUNY’s are waiting to see how effective the solutions are
* The Lake, with its lack of access points, causes most of our cell problems
  + CTS continues to try to work with carriers to improve the signals on our campus

1. **Natalie Sturr was selected as chair**

* Natalie would like this to be her last year as chair – so please start thinking about this opportunity.
* If you’d like to be chair this year, that too can be arranged.

1. **Tech Tips**

* When discussing projects the Committee could tackle this year, there were concerns that there is a lot of information faculty just don’t know about
* The Committee feels it might be helpful to start a series of Tech Tips of the Week. We hope …….
  + To have the Tech Tips as a collaboration of CTS and CTAB – sharing idea gathering, writing, and disseminating
  + It was suggested that Tips be archived
  + Pat MacNeill’s Ingeniux Tips are an example we’d like to follow
  + Natalie will talk with Nicole to discuss options and details
* Committee Homework
  + Please start making a list of ideas for Tech Tips
    - Feel free to send these to me now.

**Next meetings:**

* Wed, Oct 30 – 8am – Library, Classroom #2
* Wed, Dec 4 – 8am – Library, Classroom #2

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