

NOTES FROM THE FACET MEETING

Thursday, April 3, 2003, at 4:00 pm in 238 MacNider

E-mail Madeline Jefferson with questions/changes

Members present: Reid (Co-Chair), McCartney, Keller, McLendon, Schmidt, Tresolini, Juliano

LCME Accreditation Survey

Ms. Juliano (OIS/Educational Technology Group) reported that the LCME Accreditation Survey Database 2003-04, (Section V, ER 7(a) and (b) regarding educational resources, specifically instructional facilities and information resources, and ER 11) is on the FACET website for review and feedback. Dr. McCartney reported that the LCME Educational Resources Steering Committee had been appointed and will be meeting in late May or early June. This committee will be reviewing data that has been collected and summarized and will assess and evaluate these data to make sure the School of Medicine is in compliance with the LCME standards for accreditation. Mr. Reid, Mr. Keller, Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Juliano will serve on the committee along with others.

Comparative Specs for Laptops for Next Year

Ms. Juliano gave an update on the purchase of laptops for the students for next year. The FACET committee had voted at the March 6 meeting to purchase the low-end laptop and to notify the students by email that they would be required to purchase the prescribed laptops. She updated the committee on a discussion at her weekly meeting with the lab liaison committee (an all-student group) about the decision. She expressed satisfaction about the committee's decision after having talked with ten first and second year students, who felt that price consideration is important and who had agreed with the committee's decision. Mr. Schmidt gave a description of the higher end computer that is lighter, thinner and has a lot of bells and whistles, as well as more battery capacity. There was discussion about having wired or wireless classrooms for laptop use.

Virtual Microscopy

Mr. Reid passed out a handout summarizing the costs of the VM package that had been prepared by Dr. Reisner, and Ms. Juliano passed out a handout detailing server costs. Dr. Reisner's subcommittee estimated the basic cost of the scanning microscope at \$90,000 and an Image Server/Disk array at \$11,000 with a maintenance cost (after one year) at \$8,000 per year. Ms. Juliano commented that the Imager Server was too low and gave an estimated figure of \$25,000. Ms. Juliano estimated the cost of the Terabyte System (including backups and a server box) at \$87,884.31 with a maintenance cost of \$13,000 per year. The grand estimated total is \$223,884.31. The replacement costs were discussed and it was estimated that the lifespan is four – five years.

Mr. Reid then discussed the cost of capturing images. It was originally thought that the MSTL technician could scan the slides initially and put on the server. It was acknowledged that the task could take a year, but once it was completed, the service could be offered to TMA people as a fee for service. Dr. McCartney countered that after the initial set up, possession could move to a core facility and a fee for service plan could be put in place. Dr. Reisner had mentioned that the dental school is interested, as well as developmental biology, microbiology and pathology.

Ms. Juliano said that another cost that would probably not be recouped is the cost of her group of the initial setup. She was concerned that whatever is chosen that uniformity (standardization) of tools is essential so that they and the students will have an easier task.

Discussion moved on to the current cost of the student microscope fee. Mr. Keller responded that it is \$50 per student per year. Mr. Reid asked if a virtual microscopy fee could replace the microscope fee. Mr. Keller then responded that it could, but some microscopes would still need to be kept on hand and maintained, along with a projection microscope. Mr. Reid asked Mr. Keller if he had an idea about the full recovery cost of a slide. He commented that Dr. Reisner had estimated \$20 - \$60 per slide, but this is just to get them scanned. He had no idea what recovery business is out there. Mr. Reid said that he would discuss with Dr. Reisner and he would be able to discuss at a future meeting.

Other business was deferred.