

NOTES FROM THE FACET MEETING

Thursday May1, 2003, at 4:00 pm in 238 MacNider

E-mail Madeline Jefferson with questions/changes

Members present: Alfred Reid (Co-Chair), Cheryl McCartney, Howard Reisner, David Matney, Mike Keller, Wallace McLendon, Dennis Schmidt, Carol Tresolini, Eve Juliano, Mike Brady, Kathleen Rao, Tony Kane

Berryhill Renovation Technology Needs

Mr. Reid asked the members to brainstorm with the premise that there are no bad ideas and there are no limitations on educational technology for the building. He mentioned that he and Dr. Tresolini had met for discussion. Mr. Keller was asked to explain the term "wet labs." Dr. Reisner talked about the benefits of having small groups of 4 – 6 students who could view the same materials, perhaps on a computer monitor, and then discuss among the group. The group could then ask the instructor questions via technology with all groups privy to the question and answer session. For those students who are absent, the session could be available on line and then archived for posterity. Dr. McClendon discussed the ability of students to create their own way of accessing knowledge already available without leaving his/her workstation, along with a way of sharing with other students. Ms. Juliano commented that students could have a large multi-media work lab, which would be a way of getting students into the lab. It is offered to faculty now. Mr. Reid said that we can anticipate new technology, as well as software with more capabilities that are less expensive and are available on everyone's laptops. There could be a transparency of technology that works like word processors do now. Ms. Juliano commented that everything discussed thus far is doable if we have the space in which to do it. Our current labs are not technology-friendly. Dr. Tresolini discussed team learning with reference to small groups having a good technology support system. Dr. McCartney commented that the committee should focus on what we want to see in Berryhill and not about rooms. Discussion followed regarding some faculty attitudes toward teaching. Dr. Rao mentioned that concerns had been expressed at last year's conference on innovative technology at the Graylyn Center in Winston-Salem about self-directed learning and the fact that a number of students would fall by the wayside. Ms. Juliano commented that there are a lot of technology capabilities already available in the school, but budget constraints prohibit implementing them. Mr. Reid commented that this will be an on-going topic for committee discussion.

Laptops for Next Year

A brief discussion followed regarding the printer for the new laptops for next year. The Lexmark with an inkjet cartridge with a three-year guarantee at a cost of \$169 was thought to be a good bargain, and it could be bundled with student aid.

Other business was deferred.