

Faculty Advisory Committee for Educational Technology (FACET)

January 6, 2006; 4-5:15 P.M. in 238 MacNider

In Attendance:

Tom Cox (behalf of Joe Schuch)	Eve Juliano (OIS)	Dale Krams (OED)
James Lindsey (MSTL)	Cheryl McCartney (Med Ed)	Michael McCaw (MSTL)
Wallace McLendon (HSL)	Alfred Reid (Family Medicine)	Howard Reisner (Pathology)
Dennis Schmidt (OIS)	Jerney Smith (MSTL)	Cathy Sutton (Med Ed)

I. Palm Based O/S PDA Requirement: A number of students have approached OIS and asked why they are required to purchase the Palm O/S rather than other platforms (eg Pocket PC), a requirement which was arguably born and driven by a requirement outside the SOM and curriculum. The accepted recommendation is to allow students to choose their own PDA in order to allow students a choice while allowing FACET to gather data to see which platform students prefer. The major caveat is that we need to educate students that they may need to purchase a new PDA when a decision has been made concerning which O/S will be adopted. Eve Juliano will compose a recommendation of this policy for the upcoming CC3/4 meeting and for eventual recommendation to CMPC.

Ultimately, SOM could store this information and develop a learning portfolio compiling all student experiences. In kind, it appears that there is a lack of education in how to use these materials in a way that will be effective for students' eventual residencies. Alfred Reid has already been working with Robert Gwyther in Family Medicine and will now involve the FACET committee in developing this issue further for the SOM.

II. Software Acquisition Protocol: Following the last FACET meeting, Eve Juliano has merged both Howard Reisner's and Dale Krams' procedural outlines for review (see addendum). Albeit not finalized nor complete, this provides an outline for SOM to evaluate the process of the acquisition of software. Dr. Cheryl McCartney recommended the reversal of step 5 and 6 in order to direct the flow of need by having someone write a recommendation (taking into account financial and other needs) one choice to course directors placing the onus on FACET and not the course directors to make a recommendation and fulfill that advisory role. The composer of the recommendation would then be invited to both FACET as well as the appropriate course director meeting. An eighth step will also be created as a process of evaluation of implementation and effectiveness. Finally, adjusting who requests the software was made where only a course director may make a request. As our next step, we can use the recent Neurosciences purchase to run a test case to formalize the entire process. Eve Juliano and Alfred Reid will meet and revise the current draft for the next FACET meeting as well as other applicable items.

III. Updates of Ongoing Projects

A. Audience Response System: Licenses arrived and have been passed on to Eve Juliano and Dennis Schmidt. We have received only two host machines licenses rather than a site license. What appears to have been ordered was simply what we needed as a starting point. James Lindsey and Dennis Schmidt will meet to discuss the purchase with Carrie Greenaway.

B. On Line Testing: Following the server outage that occurred during the Urinary Final, Dale Krams and Michael McCaw recommended that we revisit the issue of online testing back up plans for server or other such outages during our next FACET meeting.