



LTR Meeting Minutes 10/11/01

Members present

- Descy, Eimers, England, Fee, Frey, Groh, Holmberg, Huebsch, Johnson, Kuster, Parham, Roca, Sandmann, Sexton, and Vassar

Announcements

- Rocca reported that the library is operating with only half the normal staff. Hours have been reduced and there have been some complaints by students about limited access to the library. Other LTR members noted that student comments indicated surprise at how well the campus is coping with the strike.
- Huebsch reported that the Student LTR has been formed and will meet soon. They will meet weekly to deal with a backlog of issues and meet biweekly later in the year.
- Ed Mansouri, President and CEO of Ucompass, will be on campus Wednesday October 24-26. He will hold a training session on Educator and will address the LTR on Oct 25. A server to handle Educator may be installed on campus at that time.
- Dr. Karen Boubel will be attending the meeting today. [Interim President Karen Boubel was welcomed to the meeting with announcements resuming after her departure.]
- Candidates for the position of Dean of the Library will have the opportunity to meet with

LTR members on October 18th and 22nd.

- Johnson reported that IT is maintaining services, but only with luck and difficulty.

Old Business

- In order to be better prepared to address RFP's (pertaining to technology funding) on short notice a committee (K. Kalm - chair) has been formed that will try to develop a strategy to facilitate the preparation of proposals in time to meet deadlines. The committee will be working closely with W. Quirk.
- Johnson reported that the Nokia project this past spring was successful but did not make full use of its potential. This may have been due in part to the need to train faculty in the use and potential applications of this technology. It may also be that this technology has limited application toward campus goals. Additional opportunities to utilize this technology will be available spring semester. Participants of this project made reports to Nokia and Midwest Wireless.
- Vassar, Johnson, and Sharp tentatively plan to attend the Educause Conference.

New Business

- Frey initiated discussion regarding the Chancellor's work plan regarding technology. One goal is to formulate plans to make MnSCU a leader in technology and e-learning. Tuition structure for online courses was briefly discussed.
- Johnson noted that the system-wide IT Board goals also include enhancing e-learning and technology opportunities. The LTR offered support to Johnson and Kochery (both members of the IT Board) in whatever any way possible.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

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