ITG 2/26/15

Attendees: Ethington, Robert; Baty, Will; Siedentopf, Andre; Persons, Nancy; Roth, Michael; Pearson, Matthew; Sturr, George; Bowden, Russ; Torikian, Sasun; Diamond, Jeffrey; Williams, Catherine.

Absent: Pinaula, Joshua; Collier, Li; Rivera, Laura; Conrad, Scott; Rivera, Laura; Jacobson, Tara

Approval of minutes George motion, Robert proxy for Lee. Approved

Item 1: PowerPoint presentation on proposed faculty/staff computer equipment purchasing guidelines.

Sasun introduced a PowerPoint presentation about proposed changes to the faculty/staff computer purchase guidelines.

The presentation summarized recommendations for ITG approval that will then be reviewed by Doug Roberts, other shared governance entities and ultimately Dr. Chong for his final approval.

Key recommendations are that, when all cost factors are considered over time (TCO) it is more cost effective to purchase new rather than refurbished equipment. Additionally, it is recommended that faculty be given the choice of purchasing the recommended base configuration of either a PC or a Mac. For staff equipment the recommendation is to default to PC systems (currently over 90% of deployed base) unless an appeal is filed to purchase a Mac based on business need.

Several suggestions for improvements to the presentation were made.

George asked about the length of time for the equipment replacement cycle. Will provided the clarification that refurbished equipment is on a three year replacement cycle compared to a seven year cycle for new equipment.

Catherine asked when the new policy, if adopted, would go into effect. Will stated it would be in the beginning of the next fiscal year since the additional funds to purchase new equipment and to cover the cost of an increased number of Macs would need to be included in the budget for next year.

Nancy moved to approve the recommendation and Jeff seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Since Scott was away at a conference Will recommended that the committee table the agenda item to discuss next year’s technology budget until the next meeting.

Sasun gave an update on the current planning for improving technology infrastructure:

- Core infrastructure is in need of upgrading. Security needs investment. Wi-Fi bandwidth needs are growing exponentially.
- Three big pieces are Network, Storage, and servers. Need to raise the capability, redundancy, and maintenance.
- Upgrades being designed now and will be brought to the group when ready.

Will pointed out to the group that ITG has an important role in assuring that the districts technology needs are recognized and incorporated into the bond planning process.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.