Teaching and Learning Committee Minutes
Minutes
Room 228, School of Business
April 14, 2013

Chairman: Dr. Syed Ahmed
Temporary Secretary: Francisco Patiño

Members Present: Margot Gregory, Dr. Carolyn Kinslow, Susan Hall, Dr. Tony Wohlers, Dr. Syed Ahmed, Jeff Larson, Stephanie Boss, Rose Welch, Kyle Moore, Amanda Goemmer, Justin Barrick and Francisco Patiño.

Absent Members: Lisa Restivo and Joel Barnaby, both of whom sent observations via email.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ahmed. Francisco Patiño acted as temporary secretary due to Lisa Restivo's absence.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business. Margot Gregory motions for the approval of the past meeting's minutes. Dr. Kinslow seconds, motion carries unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Wohlers mentioned that because Prof. Tomlinson withdrew their proposal, our budget increased from $1,200 to $4,600. Funding all three proposal would cost $7,051.

Research Proposals

Discussion: Dr. Cavazos submitted a proposal to purchase Experiential Learning Babies for the psychology department. The 4 "Real Care Babies" and 3 "Special Needs Babies" would be used to assist in four classes. The fund request was for $3,000. Rose Welch brought that due to the large class sizes the dolls would not have a very effective impact. It was brought up that Dr. Cavazos may be trying to start a slow, painless acquisition of enough dolls for the entire class. The rise in unwed motherhood and special needs babies was brought up as contributing factors for this proposal's value.

Action: Dr. Wohlers moved that there was not enough information to make the decision at this time; that we should invite Dr. Cavazos to attend a T&L committee meeting to further elaborate her proposals, and that we should prepare questions to clarify our doubts. Because of this, we should schedule the proposal for next fiscal year. Margot Gregory would collect these questions.

Discussion: Dr. Oh's proposal is for the purchase of Videogame consoles, equipment and games for Exergaming: the use of videogames as a means to incentivize physical activity in students and as a means of physical therapy. Stephanie Boss mentioned we would be pioneering as an institution in this field, and that it would serve 3 classes. Francisco Patiño brought up that the XBox 360 is a good console to use for this project since it has a variety of games and hardware for it, and since it will soon be replaced by the XBox720 many refurbished XBoxes would be entering the market to cheapen costs. Online marketplaces and software development tools would also potentially allow for in-house game creation. Justin Barrick mentioned it would be a good introduction for students to physical education and have benefits considering local weather.
**Action:** Justin Barrick motions that we fund the proposal. Dr. Kinslow seconds. It passes unanimously. Francisco Patiño should contact Stephanie Boss and Dr. Oh with observations on the potential uses of the consoles and game development.

**Discussion:** Prof. Janda’s proposal is to purchase the Turning Point Response Card System to incorporate an interactive clicker system and software to improve participation in large enrollment History classes. Margot Gregory brought up that the remotes are small and easy to lose. Kyle Moore brought up the potential for these devices to become obsolete. Dr. Kinslow noted the system was usually reserved for very high enrollment classes, and was unsure that enrollment in History classes was that large. Margot brought up there might be less expensive software solutions like a phone app. Rose Welch mentioned that the Psychology and Math departments had had trouble implementing similar systems, but managed, and that some universities costed the proposal by having students purchase the clickers (which would be hard to re-sell in case of hardware changes). Margot suggested that we draw on existing experience in the university on the issue.

**Action:** Dr. Ahmed suggested we get IT involved in evaluating and selecting the brand to use and that Margot write some lines of suggestions for IT. Tony Wohlers reminded the committee to apply consistency to the proposal selection criterion. Rose Welch said we needed the Psychology and Math departments currently using these systems to finish their pilot tests to get data and talk to us to make an informed decision and standardize platform choice for the university. Prof. Landa should come to a T&L meeting to speak about his proposal. A new meeting should be held for this purpose April 26th, at 10:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned.