

CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MINUTES OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FRIDAY December 12, 2008
9:00 A.M. – LC62

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Mellas, Patrick O'Donnell, Bernice Watson, Lee Krichmar, Lucinda Aborn, Mario Morales, Lamont Freeman, Harry Riegert, Bernie Negrete. **Guests:** from GST- Tami Reid, Brett, Chris and from Samsung- Tricia Murphy.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lamar Mills, Wes Nance, Deb Moore.

The meeting of December 12, 2008 was brought to order at 9:15 a.m.

MINUTES OF November 14, 2008

It was moved by Lucinda Aborn, and seconded by Dean Mellas, to approve the Minutes of November 14 as modified. Bernie pointed out a typo in the last paragraph and Lee made the notation. The minutes were approved with one abstentions from Bernie Negrete. There were one corrections and no further discussion. Harry Riegert and Lamont Freeman were not present for the approval of the November minutes.

Demonstration of free-standing presentation monitor

Our guests were introduced and GST began giving a demonstration of a 46" Digital Signage device from Samsung called the 460DXN Professional Display LCD Monitor. Some of the benefits of this specific device is that it has the following:

- Built-in embedded computer option (no PC required to display presentation)
- Magic Info Pro software comes with the device for content creation and presentation at no additional cost
- Direct network device (Network connection & IP address)
- 3 USB ports available for flash drives or other connectivity
- Extended connectivity - many input ports are available
- 3 year warranty standard
- Enterprise product for extended operation (consumer product is not designed to run for extended periods of time and voids 1 year warranty if used outside of consumer market)
- Available in size 32" to 82" (with 40"-46" as the optimal size)
- Ultra thin bezel available for building a wall of multiple monitors
- Price \$2580

Chris provided a demonstration of the Magic Info Pro software so the committee could see some of its features. It appeared to be easy to use and could be used by someone with moderate computer experience.

The committee discussed the idea of establishing a new standard for digital signage. Lee thought that this should probably be brought up after our new dean of the Library and LRC begins in February. Lucinda brought up that even though we are in a budget downturn, that we should probably establish the procedure because there will always be different timing with regard to available funds anyway. Bernie wondered if there was a different person,

committee, or group that we should bring this issue forward to since it is a campus wide problem that when funds are available for certain items that they don't account for the other "costs" associated to supporting these different technologies. Lucinda did not think there would be an accessibility issue with regard to these digital displays. Lee agreed that using consumer grade products in a business or commercial environment creates problems. The last couple of displays (cosmetology and student health services) did not consult with Media Services or Information Technology; the LCD's just "showed up". It was requested that perhaps Purchasing could notify Media Services when purchase requisitions for these sort of devices are moving forward.

OUTSTANDING IT STANDARDS ISSUES

Lee provided an update on the image creation for the HP DC7900, which is the replacement for our current standard of the DC7800. The image will be provided to GST the week of December 15th.

Patrick provided an update to the committee on seven new PC's and additional A/V equipment, which was purchased with grant money from Randy Peebles. The PO's had to be re-cut because a deadline was missed; however, the order will still be made and is currently in process. Dean mentioned that the volume control on the E Classroom devices is clumsy. Bernice and Patrick discussed the idea of moving the master power button and Bernice mentioned that they are trying to make minor changes to make them better for the future. Patrick described the problem that we're having with PowerPoint not working properly unless it is the "active" window. Dean mentioned that Open Office might be a free alternative; Patrick will try it.

OTHER TOPICS

Lee distributed a report call "Reuters Report" that described the current financial state of Hewlett Packard. Lee believed in this volatile economic time that we need to be aware of the financial stability of our major vendors, especially when warranties are being purchased. She also shared the Gartner Report with the magic quadrant for enterprise desktop computers. HP was identified as the leader in both "ability to execute" and "completeness of vision". There are many criteria that Gartner uses in the creation of these charts and all of these factors are critical to the overall success of organizations. HP, Dell, and Lenovo are the three leaders in this market, with HP in the #1 position at this time.

Lee played the following video from NComputing:
<http://www.ncomputing.com/Portals/0/NCvideo/NCOverviewvideo.aspx>. This video described the technology behind the x550 NComputing virtual desktop product. She also passed around the devices so that the group could see them in person. Lee wanted to make the group aware that she and DSPS are prototyping this technology and that we might want to consider a new campus standard in this arena at a later time. She plans to compare NComputing with VMWare's virtual desktop product.

Lee informed the group that the AT&T Gigaman Internet connection was "live". The new circuit is up and fully functional. The new router is in the computer room and the circuit is in the Science Building wiring closet.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held February 20, 2009 in LC-62.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted By: Lee Krichmar