

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Educational Technology
Wednesday, February 21, 2007
26 Gerberding Hall

Chair Kaminsky called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes
3. Chair's Announcements
 - a. Plagiarism update/Letter submission, DOIT interest
4. Open Announcements
5. Committee Discussion of the following topics:
 - a. Live Webcams on campus
 - b. Copyright and Webpages
 - c. Clicker, an audience response system
6. News from Catalyst, Libraries, etc.
7. New Business

1. Agenda – Approved

2. January 29, 2007 Minutes – Approved as corrected

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3. Chair's Announcements

- This Plagiarism proposal was submitted to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate. It will be included in the Agenda at the next Senate Executive Meeting with Kaminsky giving the presentation. The Council's work on this subject is now completed.
- DOIT has approached Chair Kaminsky for Council consideration. Berger gives an example of how the program was used to test the integrity of a student's work with a positive result. Kaminsky suggests this is a tool to encourage students rather than discipline them.

4. Open Announcements – None

5. Committee Discussions

a. Live Webcams on campus

- Kaminsky states that the number of live webcams is increasing on campus and proving to be a powerful and controversial tool. While privacy issues are somewhat covered by current policies, he sees the need for more formal policing and regulation, presenting a first attempt at a list of rules that he has compiled. He expresses concern over the privacy of photographed (knowingly or not) people, whose pictures may subsequently appear on the internet, and a lack of University regulation. It is mentioned that internet sites have the capability of limiting access as desired but that this does not eliminate the problem of open webs.
- Discussion follows regarding whether this tool requires its own set of regulations, or whether the use of webcams falls under broader rules already in existence.
- Kaminsky suggests a policy of registration for every webcam set up. He asks the Council whether it has anything to say on the actual use of webcams or whether the committee should just limit itself to supplying tools to set them up.
- The general consensus appears to be that the university culture encourages appealing to people to volunteer to follow respectful and sensitive behavior rather than externally establishing rules. It is noted that nowhere else on campus are people asked to register for

anything and the question is asked whether this council wants to use the webcam issue to establish the first registration policy on campus.

- Berger comments that issues revolving around webcams are no different than anything else involving human subjects, and suggests a one-page questionnaire stating purpose, for those registering webcams. In order to seek support of webcams from the university, the purpose must be educational and not controversial. He asks if in fact, there have been any problems or abuses to date.
- More information is needed before this council can recommend any registration policy or rules. Kaminsky is requested to bring a proposal to the council, as to what steps the council should take. Kaminsky also encourages the Council members to bring feedback as to how and what the Council should do regarding this subject. General consensus is that the Council does not have enough information yet and is still collecting data. If the goal is to increase, improve and use this technology, everyone needs to get together. All potential future problems cannot be addressed at this time.

b. Copyright and Web pages

- Kaminsky points out the similarity of issues in the discussion regarding the use of webcams and that of copyright issues. Berger notes that there are already rules in place for copyright, not necessarily relating to webcams. Jim Loter is cited as a resource for information regarding copyright on Web pages.

c. Clicker, an audience response system

- Miller describes how 'clickers' are currently being used on the Bothell campus and distributes a report recently presented to the A-TAC committee. This is a subject for possible future discussion.

6. News from Catalyst, Libraries, etc.

- Due to time limitations, no report is given.

7. New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. *Minutes by Pam Moore, Administrative Assistant, Computing & Communications.*

Present: ***Faculty members:*** Berger, Kaminsky, Miller
 President's designee: Moy
 ASUW Representative: L. Lane
 Ex-officio member: Minton
 Guests: C. Lane

Absent: ***Faculty members:*** Conroy, Kanal, Leggott
 Ex-officio member: Ward
 Guests: Lewis