

**University of Washington  
Faculty Council on Educational Technology**

The Faculty Council on Educational Technology met Monday, **February 5, 2001, 2001** at 10:00 a.m. in 36 Gerberding. Chair William Zoller presided.

**Present:** Beach, DeYoung, Diaz, Jordan, Leggott, Szatmary, Zoller **Special Guests:** Scott Macklin, Laura Schubert

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**Introductions:**

Scott Macklin introduced Laura Schubert, who will be the CTLT liaison to FCET.

**Faculty Technology Use Survey:**

Macklin reported on the progress of the Faculty Technology Use Survey. The first two emails have been sent. There have been 1100 respondents from the pool of 5000 who were sent surveys. Macklin reported he was getting a range of reactions to the survey, some of which were very positive. Macklin is hoping for a 75% return rate by end of the survey period. Leggott pointed out that there is no "due date" on the survey, and Macklin said he would include one on the follow-up letter going out next week. Diaz will attend the 2/13 Senate Executive Committee meeting and the 3/1 Senate meeting and will remind faculty again about the importance of returning the survey.

**Quizzes/homework online:**

Zoller reported that he was putting sample multiple-choice quizzes on the web as a study aid. After the third week, 140/288 students had tried them and reaction was positive. Zoller is also trying chat as a way to help students with homework. Beach said he was trying web-based homework submissions, but was running into file format incompatibilities. Macklin mentioned the Catalyst ISubmit tool which handles multiple formats and includes a tracking function, and wondered how many faculty were aware of the Catalyst tools. A free-flowing exchange of ideas about how faculty learned about technology and whether technology transformed pedagogy ensued.

**New Business:**

Szatmary suggested that an instrument for assessing learning styles and determining which students can learn from a tech-based tool was needed. Macklin asked if FCET could begin developing such an instrument, perhaps in conjunction with the Faculty Council on Instructional Quality. Zoller asked Macklin to talk with Nana Lowell from the Office of Educational Assessment about such an instrument, and suggested Lowell attend the next FCET meeting to discuss the issue.

Diaz mentioned that the Task Force on Enhancing Student Learning (name??) was looking at whether students should be required to have a computer, and that data on undergraduate access to computers was being collected. Leggott said that the Dental School has also discussed requiring incoming students to have a computer.

Minutes by William Jordan.