

Ventura College Technology Committee

Monday, September 10, 2012

Technology Committee Members

Executive Sponsor: David Keebler -- VP Business Services

Chair: Grant Jones – Technology Support Supervisor

Members: Dave Fuhrmann; David Keebler; Maureen Eckl; Sandy Hajas; Connie Baker; Scot Rabe; Aaron McColpin; Marta De Jesus; Daniel Walsh; Nancy Cairns; Ayanna Gaines; Eric Martinsen; Sharla Fell; William Budke; Aurora De La Selva; Victoria Lugo; Denise Pope; Ken Drake

Agenda Items

1. Questions regarding notes from May 14, 2012 technology meeting?
2. SARS upgrade summary. Next improvement steps "Text Messaging".
3. AD Camp kiosk update.
4. Update on AV upgrades "MAC-205, SCI-106 and SCI-222".
5. Progress on SSD drive/RAM technology refresh.
6. PAC building update.
7. Other business?

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Agenda and Meeting Notes

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1. Questions regarding notes from April 9, 2012, Technology Meeting
2. SARS upgrade update, week beginning 5/21/12
3. AdCamp free information kiosks, advertising
4. Technology refresh plans for FY12-13; next steps with thin clients, SSD-Ram upgrades
5. SITE event update; 110 iPads, future use after event
6. PAC building update
7. Other Business
8. Last Technology Committee meeting until Fall 2012 semester

Meeting Notes

1. There were no corrections or questions regarding the April 9, 2012, meeting notes.
2. The SARS upgrade will begin next week (5/21). (SARS is appointment scheduling software package for student service offices.) Anybody that had SARS will be updated. Victoria Lugo asked if SARS can be installed in Financial Aid and/or EOPS. Grant replied that he will check with Denise Pope or SARS directly. Grant reported that Reuben Asahan says it works better than the old version.

Adding the Text Messaging Option, requires text messaging hardware and a text plan that SARS supports. Natawni Pringle has submitted a quote for a SMS server. T-Mobile supports the SARS Text Messaging Option. T-Mobile's plan is \$30/month for 10,000 messages. The server is scalable. We would probably need to double the amount of messages allowed to 20,000 and buy another SIMS card, adding another \$30/month.

3. Grant explained the AdCamp program of supplying kiosks with large monitors that display information for our campus and advertising at no cost to the college.
 - Dave Keebler asked how much for us to do this ourselves. Grant estimates \$3,500 with cabling. Victoria added that as we are losing classified staff, it might be a good resource. Grant suggested trying one. Dave said that we want to end up with interactive kiosks.

Questions (Grant will find out answers):

- A. Is this a touch screen?
- B. Is each Kiosk different?
- C. Can students post ads (Sandy Hajas)?

- Krista Wilbur saw a “short throw” projector and liked it. (“A short throw projector allows users to create big pictures in tight spaces, without concerns about shadows obstructing the image or light shining in the presenter's face.”

<http://www.projectorpeople.com/resources/short-throw.asp>

Dave asked if we could mount it in a Kiosk. He suggested it be a part of our program review. We will have \$10,000 in the next program review.

- Ayanna Gains spoke about having apps to interact with the VC website. She mentioned a company called Boopsie (<http://www.boopsie.com/>) that creates apps for college. Grant said we have a grant that is working on the website and a mobile app.
4. Technology Refresh Plan: Grant is stretching what is in inventory by purchasing 100 solid state drives and additional ram to improve current PC's. He passed around the solid state drive for us to look at.

Grant will send Dave the spreadsheet of our inventory of PC's.

5. SITE (Summer Institute of Teaching Excellence, *new perspectives in faculty development* event 5/21): Krista explained that part of the event includes more hands on with Desire2Learn and how to integrate it with other media; the Library and Tutoring Center, and other uses of technology. “This event gives our instructors a chance to learn how to use technology in the classroom.”

After the event, the iPads (100 purchased to use during the event) will be stored in the LRC TV room which will be used as a staff resource training room. The room includes a charging, ventilated, rolling cart to house the iPads. Sandy asked if we could sink the 4 iPads in LRC with the configuration of the 100 and Grant/Krista said yes.

6. PAC Building: All IT orders are in. IT has 5 rooms to do. ProSound will be installing other AV equipment
7. SIDEBARS:
- A. Dave asked if anyone has used the “candy bars”. Grant will check with Sabrina Canola at VCSP. Grant suggested trying one.
 - B. Sandy mentioned Facebook. Grant said it needs to get into policy, not our purview. He said that Sandy could time them out rather than blocking Facebook.