

Technology Committee Report for 2009-2010

April 2, 2010

1. GOAL

Demonstrate and train faculty on Sympodium SmartBoards. Investigate possible purchase of full-sized SmartBoard.

ACCOMPLISHED?

Two demonstrations were arranged with Brendon from Visual Sound, the first with 3, and the second with about 12 attendees. It was agreed to pursue full-size boards, and several have been used successfully.

2. GOAL

Promote greater use of SALC software.

ACCOMPLISHED?

Nicole Nolen/Servais has become the overall SALC supervisor, and she has done wonders in the two SALCs in Rodney and Alison regarding software and leveled readers. (At the time these goals were established, the Alison SALC was not even dreamed of.)

3. GOAL

Dispose of or recycle unused equipment .

ACCOMPLISHED?

Unless something has been done without the committee's knowledge, no progress at all has been made toward this goal.

4. GOAL

Expand use of Azar Interactive to more RW IV classes. Investigate for RW V.

ACCOMPLISHED?

Grant reported the results from his trial of Azar Interactive to the Textbook Committee, and the matter is now in their hands.

5. GOAL

Update Inventory of Computers and Peripherals

ACCOMPLISHED?

The ELI's expansion into Alison Hall and plans for the new building led to many unforeseen purchases, so keeping up with inventory was put on hold for the most part.

6. GOAL

Purchase 10 more Digital Voice Recorders.

ACCOMPLISHED?

More than 15 digital voice recorders were purchased.

7. GOAL

Investigate purchase of more laptop computers for summer on-campus classes.

ACCOMPLISHED?

Additional laptops have been purchased more than once, but whether they have been assigned is still in question.

8. GOAL

Pilot Sakai in several classes.

ACCOMPLISHED?

Karen Kral and Matt Plourd came to the ELI to introduce Sakai to about 15 ELI faculty. Grant and Julie tried out Sakai but generally found it not worth the trouble as there was great difficulty getting ELI students registered on the system.

9. GOAL

Investigate Document Cameras ("doc-cams").

ACCOMPLISHED?

Chris investigated Visual Presenters and found that usable, realistic units are available at prices from \$400 to \$4000, but as the ELI seems to be actively pursuing SmartBoards, which overlap the function of Doc-Cams to some degree, serious consideration of purchasing such technology has been tabled for now.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2009-2010:

Keeping up with Alison Hall technology and planning for technology in the new Main Street building.

Purchasing 15 digital cameras.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2009-2010

1. Continue inventory after the new Main Street building is furnished.
2. Ensure that new technology demands in the new Main Street building are met.
3. Dispose of unused equipment in ELI basement; investigate environmentally safe methods of recycling or disposal.
4. Monitor SmartBoard use and promote faculty awareness of how to use them effectively.

Members:

Ken Cranker (Chair), Grant Wolf, Ken Hyde, Lowell Riethmuller, Chris Pinkerton,

Nicole Nolen/Servais

All members worked enthusiastically and efficiently when called upon.