

Tech committee Minutes
April 3, 2014

Attending: Tim Sorel, Brad Noblitt, Craig Lee, Kyle Lyons, Bill McClancy, Rob Carr, Arlindo Albuquerque, Matt Sheehan (via phone).

Call to order: 2:08 p.m.

The new Sight, Sound and Motion course and its technical requirements were discussed at length. The current plan is for a live-recorded lecture plus a quick-turnaround on-demand stream similar to what the business school does for certain courses. It is anticipated that only 60-70 of the potential 350 enrollees will attend each lecture.

Tim advised department representatives that laptop requirements need to be evaluated and updated across all departments. Matt said the Journalism had "outsourced" the requirement to be whatever Adobe states is required for Creative Cloud. Craig said that no changes had been forwarded to him for the Website. Tim stated that he had asked Kyle for a specific recommendation for a Windows laptop. There was hesitancy in recommending something specific on that platform because of the broad number of options available. There was some discussion about whether the laptop of an entering Freshman would last four years or be able run the latest software when it reaches four years of age. The committee discussed bringing the bookstore and the Financial Aid office into any formal conversation on this topic.

Rob was asked to tell the committee about the college's classroom audit. The question is, "what do we need for the future?" The consensus was "laptop friendliness." Tim said previous discussions about room 2058 and major changes to 3rd floor labs be shelved. The general recommendation is that one or two existing labs become laptop labs and that laptop friendliness be a priority when redoing any classroom. There was also some discussion about projector capabilities and labs and classrooms.

Regarding NAB in Las Vegas next week, there was a brief discussion about meetings that will be happening there and products that attendees from

the college will be looking at.

Rob Carr stated that it's time to ask faculty what their software requirements for the labs will be for Fall before the Summer deployment period.

There was also some discussion of pricing of the Adobe Creative Cloud. The negotiations are still ongoing between Adobe and UF Software Licensing.

Adjourned: 3:39 p.m.