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From: Nick Dvoracek, Chair, Classroom Modernization Committee

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Classroom Modernization proposals for 2011-2012

The Classroom Modernization Group met on March 7 to discuss and prioritize the proposals. In attendance were Susan Cramer, Peter Westort, Rick DCamp, Laura Knaapen, Stephen Kercher, Jacob Meshke, Rebecca Cleveland, Joan Hart, Nadejda Kaltcheva, Elizabeth Alderton, Kim Dedee, Julie Lemanski, and Nick Dvoracek.

Possible cuts to the Classroom Modernization Fund were discussed and it was agreed to use $109,000, a 10% reduction of the current fund, as a basis for our deliberations.

Susan Cramer moved and Rick DCamp seconded consideration of the following project proposals as amended in discussion. The commitee approved unanimously.

1. 30 replacement computers for classrooms and delivery to classrooms $48,000

    The proposal originally called for replacing 39 computers, one third of the inventory. Last year we started planning for a 4 year rather than 3 year replacement cycle for classroom computers by purchasing 4 year extended warranties. The committee decided to move now to a four year replacement cycle and replace only one fourth the inventory. This will leave some of the computers out of warranty for the last year of their cycle. On-site repair facilities and availability of replacements from other sources should control for this warranty lapse.

2. Replace 11 projectors $33,079

3. Add 6 Document Cameras to existing technology classrooms $13,626

    The proposal originally called for 11 document cameras. The remaining 5 document cameras will be the highest priority if sufficient funds are available.

4. Replace 5 Sympodium moniters in large lecture halls. $1,000

    The Sympodium moniters, which mimic the functions of Smart Boards, were placed in 5 large lecture halls via a Classroom Modernization project in 2007 as an experiment to see how they would be used by instructors. We surveyed the instructors in these rooms last fall, and found they were not being used for their Smart Board features. These moniters created flickering image problems when run at the 1024 x 768 native resolution of the projectors and had to be run at 800 x 600 to have a stable image. Also we had received complaints that the Mac Mini computers ran more slowly than the iMacs we have in the other rooms. The original proposal was to replace both monitor and computer with an iMac. The committee decided to replace the monitors with conventional monitors and continue to use the Mac Mini computers. The Sympodiums will be used in Smart Board training in the College of Education and Human Services.

5. Updgrade Clow 13 or Clow 17 to Technology Classroom $15.500.

> *Originally there were two proposals to upgrade both Clow 13 and Clow 17 at a cost of $8828. These were based on projection that two technology classrooms in Polk were to be taken off line when the New Academic Building was completed. These rooms have been scheduled for classes in fall 2011 so the equipment cannot be used for these projects. The committee decided to equip one room for the full cost of $15,500.*

The total to this point comes to $112,205. Since these projects contain contingency funds, it is likely we will be able to complete these five projects.

If the budget cuts are not as severe, if cost savings are realized or equipment can be reassigned from deactivated classrooms, the following projects are approved if funds are available.

6. Add 5 document cameras to existing technology classrooms. $11,355

7. Upgrade the remaining of Clow 13 or 17 to technology classroom $15,500