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- Terry Wolfer, Social Work

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- Nancy Hart, University Instructional Services (ex-officio)

Activities:

1. Classroom Enhancement

In response to requests from several colleges and departments, this subcommittee moved its timetable for action to earlier in the academic year. By announcing the recommended list of classrooms earlier, this should enable college/department budget personnel to complement university-provided funding with their own enhancements.

Recommended the following classrooms for enhancement during Summer 2007: Coker 104, McMaster 341, PSC 201, and PSC 203.

2. Faculty Development

The work formerly performed by this FCID subcommittee is now undertaken by the university’s Center for Teaching Excellence.
3. Mungo Teaching Awards

For the Undergraduate Mungo Teaching award, the subcommittee received 11 complete applications, interviewed 8 faculty and recommended 4 award winners: Robert Lyon (Art), Antonello Monti (Electrical Engineering), David Tedeschi (Physics), and Stacy Wood (Business).

For the Mungo Graduate Teaching Award, there were 22 nominations and 13 faculty submitted materials. The subcommittee recommended Edsel Pena (Statistics).

The Committee has communicated with Vice Provost Christine Curtis about removing the Mungo Award selection from the FCID. This recommendation was also forwarded to Provost Becker.

4. “Computers in Classrooms”

As more and more faculty teach with technology and/or in classrooms far removed from their home departments, the FCID has become increasingly aware of problems ensuring every instructor has access to the technology at all times. The FCID subcommittee on Classroom Enhancement convened a working group of faculty and administrators to address this concern.

The working group made the following recommendations to Provost Becker:

1. USC will create a VLAN (Virtual Local Area Network) to facilitate consistent and accessible internet access for faculty across campus for all classrooms.
2. UIS will further enhance and communicate the availability of support contact information online and physically for audio visual and computing equipment.
3. Each classroom will have printed names and phone numbers for AV and computing support.
4. Classroom support information will be added to the UIS existing online presence.
5. USC colleges will provide better support for existing faculty laptops and create a pool of laptops for semester-long checkout by instructors and adjuncts.

It is the committee’s understanding that University Instructional Services (UIS) is proceeding with the recommendations that are under their purview (#1 - #4) in time for implementation by the start of the Fall 2007 term.

Respectfully Submitted,

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