

EMTC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 12th 2009

Meeting held via IP Video

Last Thursday, EMTC had a very productive fall meeting via IP. Most of the campuses were represented. For those of you that couldn't make it, here are some highlights:

Tom Smith, TV engineer for Wisconsin Public Television and frequency coordinator for Society of Broadcast Engineers Chapter 24 gave a very informative presentation on the current state of the 700 MHz band clearance, white space devices, and other frequency allocation issues precipitated by the FCC reallocation of analog TV channel space. The PPT can be found on our website at <http://www.uwex.edu/disted/emtc/nextmtg.cfm>

Jamie led a discussion on the continuation of technical services and support of classes in lieu of staffing shortages that may be caused by the H1N1 influenza epidemic. Info from ICS and UW Eau Claire can also be found on our website under the "Next Meeting" page.

Jamie also led a discussion on the new telephone area code being assigned in the current 715 area. This pdf can also be found on our website.

I updated the group on our current money status and asked if there was interest in generating new funds, as the current account stands to be in the red by 2011. We can either discuss this in the spring at Green Lake or via IP.

There was a brief discussion on whether or not the council wants to continue WADEN membership after the 2009-2010 fiscal years. The \$100 yearly membership fee is our primary expenditure, and there was questions on how WADEN actually benefits EMTC. This topic should also be discussed either at Green Lake or via IP tentatively in January.

Several members agreed to review a draft for the EMTC official letter to President Reilly voicing our stance on increasing videoconferencing and distance tele-collaboration technologies in order to reduce travel costs for the UW system. This also has the added benefit of doing our part to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

John Lee asked the group if any campuses are reviewing AV equipment inventory and potential replacement cycles. This seems to be a topic that people want to discuss at our next meeting, including UWRF. We are in the middle of a massive computer inventory and would like other institutions to give us input.

Marcia Baird announced her upcoming retirement and subsequently resigning as the Extension's official EMTC rep and treasurer. She informed us that UW-Extension and Colleges Chancellor Davis Wilson has approved Jamie Poindexter as the new EMTC representative for the UW-Extension. Best wishes to Marcia as she leaves the system on December 30th. We also welcome Jamie as the new official Extension rep. Also, Jamie has agreed to serve as the council's treasurer until spring elections at Green Lake.

There was a general interest in holding another IP meeting in the near future. January was mentioned as a potential month that would work well. So, if you are interested in participating in an IP session in January, please let me know.

Onwards and Upwards,

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