

EMTC Council Minutes

Green Lake Breakout Sessions

Heidel House, Green Lake Wisconsin 4.19-4.20, 2010

Members & Guests present in person: John Lee, UW Eau Claire; Jim Guenther & Sali Mounce, UW Stout; Mark Merrill & Jay Conley, UW Superior; Jamie Poindexter, UWEX (ICS), Nick Dangeur, Jay Unseth & Jason Winget, UW River Falls; Bill Hubbard, UW Green Bay; John Gosz, UW Stevens Point; Colleen Garrity, UW Platteville; Scott Bouffleur, UW Colleges; Jim Jorstad, UW La Crosse.

Offsite member participating via IP video: Terry Wirkus, UW La Crosse; Craig Ernst UW Eau Claire.

Guest Speaker: Ed Meachen, UW System Administration.

Special note announced by Terry Wirkus via Skype: This is the first EMTC meeting to be synchronously broadcast using SKYPE. IP video was not available due to bandwidth restrictions, but Heidel House plans on an upgrade for next year that may make it possible to use standard H.323 equipment.

Old Business:

- 1. UW System Chancellors Video Network:** Was discussed at prior meetings, Ed Meachen will be coming to address the group in a joint discussion at this meeting.
- 2. Budget Notes:** Budget is small, no source of income in several years. Discussion of annual \$100 Waden Membership ensued. Consensus was that benefit of membership is not of great enough value to continue. Motion made by Scott Bouffleur to discontinue EMTC Waden Membership. Second by John Lee. Votes in Favor: All , Opposed, None, Abstaining, None.

Discussion Topic 1: Classroom Control Systems (Bill Hubbard)

General discussion of what standards/types of systems are being implemented at EMTC campuses.
Clarification of UW system Classroom "levels"

- Level 4 – Distance Education
- Level 3 – Touch Panel Control System
- Level 2 – TV/Cart
- Level 1 – Overhead transparency projector

Smartboards – Discussion ensued that while they are out there, many are underused.

General consensus is that Touchpanel/Button control systems (Crestron/AMX/Extron) are the future with enterprise control software (RoomView, ect)

Discussion Topic 2 – Digital Signal Transmission (John Lee)

How are campuses dealing with the upcoming transition to Digital Transport/HDCP?

- It will be expensive
- Crestron seems to be the only major manufacturer to date with an integrated solution
- 2010 is the supposed analog horizon shutdown
- No solution seems all inclusive and clearly defined – most likely best to wait until other vendors release solutions before any major purchases

Along same lines, Jay Unseth brought up the move to Digital Campus television. He mentioned there are set top box based solutions, PC based and appliance based for endpoints but none seems to be winning out. Analog signals are still riding piggyback on UWRF system. Cable companies are also not sure where they will go so it makes sense to see how they will distribute before upgrading any campus-based Infrastructure.

Discussion Topic 3 – Wide Format Projection (John Lee)

- One hurdle is how to fit 16x9 screens in existing 4x3 space, especially in multiple screen rooms
- Most campuses are installing 16x9 projectors but using existing 4x3 screens, whiteboards get in the way as well.
- No easy retrofit solution as aspect ratio requires more space.

Discussion Topic 4 – MediaSite Hosting Services (Jamie Poindexter)

- ICS is in discussions with Sonic Foundry to build a redundant platform for additional reliability and capacity for the MediaSite server.
- UW Platteville also mentioned that they will be bringing their own MediaSite server up on campus to support the Collaborative Engineering degree

Tuesday, 4/20 – Chancellor Video Network Presentation – Special guest speaker Ed Meachen

The following is a summary of what Ed knows of the project:

- An “Administrative Videoconference Network” solution has been proposed and agreed upon in concept by the UW System Chancellors
- The goal of said network is to implement a HD Videoconference room at each institution specifically for administrative use, the first may be to reduce travel time and costs for Monthly chancellors meetings in Madison
- Admin videoconferences would always receive priority scheduling, although could be used for other things when not in admin use
- Each campus will have a choice of what type of solution to purchase (bare codec, cart system, etc)
- Tom Andries has been appointed by Kevin Reilly to head up initiative
- Funding source has not yet been determined

Comments from the group were that interoperability is key – EMTC suggested to Ed that we as a group could recommend a standard for at least the Codec. The group will discuss at a later meeting.

New Business:

- Motion to re-nominate all 3 officer positions for 2010-11 (Jay Unseth/President, Scott Bouffleur/Secretary-Chair-Elect, Jamie Poindexter/Treasurer) by John Lee. Second By Jim Guenther. In favor: All, Opposed: None.

Meeting adjourned 12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Bouffleur – Secretary

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