

Desktop Task Force
Minutes
May 3, 2006 2:00 PM

In Attendance: Jarom, Scott, JoAnn, Gordon H., Paige, Ryon, Robert W., Gerald B., George, Jon B., Jeff Vincent (Robert's new tech)

1. Notebook Standards – JoAnn Innes

- a. JoAnn has given permission for a staff member to buy a Sharp laptop. She passed around a copy of the specifications and asked if it could be added to the list of standards. The committee discussed the issue of changing the standards and agreed to change the wording to the following:

"...The following brandname laptops may be purchased for use on Campus providing they come with a 3 year warranty and Windows XP Professional: Dell or Toshiba (recommended); others Epro, Gateway, HP, IBM, Panasonic, Sony, or Sharp only upon approval. The area tech support must agree to support that option. Any Macintosh Power book/laptop is allowed. By keeping to these standards we will be able to load and repair software on your laptop without having to research and search for drivers. Please order your laptop from the Business Office."

It was noted that Dell has on site support for laptops.

2. Zen Report - JoAnn Innes

- a. There was discussion about the naming convention. It was suggested that an "L" be added to indicate if it is a laptop. It was agreed that this would be a good addition but committee members thought it needed to be standard for all computers. It was decided that we will use "L" for laptops, "D" for desktop, and "W" for workstation at the end of the inventory number, ex. IT-00012345-L.

3. Novell Client – 4.9 SP2

- a. There have been no reported problems. The committee gave approval for the HelpDesk to roll it out on the images.

4. IPrint

- a. There was a discussion of IPrint. It was thought to be more stable than IP printing. It is part of the Novell license. You don't have to worry about

installing drivers. It can be used along with the other system. It is GUI based. It looks like we may need to set passwords to limit access to different area printers. **JoAnn will ask Jason Pugh to give a demo at next month's meeting.** There are two things that need to be verified: (1) It needs to go on reliable hardware (2) It needs to work with PCounter.

Meeting adjourned 2:40 PM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 7, 2006