

Campus Technology Officers Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2003 3:00-5:00 pm
Reno SCS 47, Las Vegas SCS 304,
Elko GBC Berg Conference Room, Carson City WNCC 308

Present: Van Weddle, Chair; Joni Flowers, CCSN; Jeff Cox, GBC; Don Moxley, WNCC; Becky Seibert, SCS; Lori Temple, UNLV; Steven Zideck, TMCC; Steven Zink, UNR and President Kerry Romesburg, NSC.

President Romesburg told the CTOs that he hopes to hold two Technology Task Force meetings during the summer and another in the early fall. He expects the Task Force work to highlight the current state of technology at UCCSN, to point out some technology efficiencies, to stress the need for a reliable income stream and possibly to propose a few system-wide technology initiatives for the 2005-07 biennial budget. He has no illusions that the TTF work will result in large amounts of new state funding.

Romesburg covered some of his reactions to the CTOs' Campus Issues document. He understands the need for a more reliable funding process. He hopes a few new system initiatives might bring some new dollars in the coming biennium, but thinks new student fees may be the best source of some additional funding. He believes the critical issues listed under the instruction section need to be presented in a way that shows how they affect students. He cited the need for portal development as an example. He noted the serious need for training in the administrative area and believes we may be able to show efficiencies there. He agrees that research must be included and noted that DRI receives no student fees.

There was discussion with the group about the value of the technology issues discussion coming from the Regents' Chair, Doug Seastrand. There was also acknowledgement that success depends on the presidents' understanding how dependent we are on technology and wholeheartedly supporting it as a priority. The group agreed that technology funding needs to be incorporated into the funding formula in the long run. That will take time, and a student fee increase may be the best strategy for the coming biennium. The Task Force findings should be directed to the Regents, the Presidents and the Legislature.

Romesburg told the group he hoped to meet with the Task Force in the next couple of weeks and he acknowledged that the work done by the CTOs would greatly assist them.