

**UM School of Education  
Technology Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 5, 2014

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Room 211 Guyton Hall

**Chairperson:** John Holleman

**Committee Members Present:**

Andrew Abernathy  
Allan Bellman  
Renee Cunningham  
John Holleman  
Jerilou Moore  
Clay Pounds  
Carol Hopkins  
Smitty Horne Wood

Meeting began: 2:03 pm

**Welcome:** John Holleman opened the topics of discussion for meeting:

- Discuss the redesigned technology labs
- Confer over SOE student computer specs
- SOE *Google for Education* Conference

**Recommendations:**

- Committee members discussed the language of student technology for personal use. The committee considered the term recommendation or requirement ensued and concluded that an expectation of technology access for each student was implicit in the SOE. Student computer specs would be researched further to ensure that students requiring specific softwares would have clear parameters for acquisition of hardware for individual classes and faculty.
- A report on the completion of technology redesigns of Computer Lab 215 and Guyton 225 was delivered. Room updates are complete. Redesign introduced standard height and bar top tables with rolling chairs for standard height tables. Additionally, club chairs with swivel desk have been included. There is an open arrangement of lab space with three mounted 70 inch hd tvs, wireless presentation system, and print release station Print stations are managed by a print queue with automated indication of student print jobs to bursar. An unrecovered print job in the queue is released after 24 hours. A present effort is underway to generate a package to make printing available to students on any computer.
- Suggestions were made to reconsider the purchase and use of smartboards to better address student classroom training needs. Opportunities to acquire donated smartboards or explore alternative technology was considered.
- The committee shared plans for the SOE *Google for Education* conference to be held at the Oxford Conference Center Thursday, February, 2015 from 9 am to 4 pm. Registration fee is set at \$50 per person registration excluding SOE faculty, staff, and students whose

registration will be covered by the North Mississippi Educational Consortium (NMEC). Four sessions will offer three concurrent breakout sessions. The conference committee has distributed a call for papers and is presently considering presenters; nine breakout sessions have been scheduled to date.

- Next meeting scheduled for spring 2015. Any items to be listed on the agenda for discussion should be forwarded to John Holleman.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:19 pm