

Technology Update – September 2007

Microsoft Office 2007 is being rolled out to classrooms, student computer centers, faculty offices and administrative offices. This is the first release of MS Office that allows co-existence with a prior version. For now, Office 2003 will also remain on machines.

Microsoft Work at Home Agreement. The CSU System has continued the MS Work at Home arrangement with Microsoft to make select Microsoft products available to faculty and staff. Vista Business Edition, Windows XP, Office 2007 Enterprises Edition, Project 2007, Visio 2007, and Visual Studio 2005 are now available for faculty and staff home use. We are working on our option to make this available to students also.

Wireless. Centennial Hall became our first wireless residence hall over the summer. Litchfield Hall and Newbury Hall are the next residence halls that will be completed. Wireless technology will be incorporated into Fairfield Hall in conjunction with its renovation. We will also complete Warner Hall and the Midtown Student Center. We have made significant strides in making WestConn a completely wireless university.

Technology in the Classroom. WestConn has reached a milestone – 100% of classrooms that are suited for technology are now equipped with technology. 125 technology classrooms are equipped with a standard instructor computer and projector. All are equipped with either a VCR or DVD/VCR combo. Others have laptop connections, Smart Board capability, document camera, etc. Of the 125 technology equipped classrooms, 22 are multi-station classrooms with student stations. Of the 22, 18 are PC multi-station, 3 are Mac multi-station and one is a combination of Macs and PCs. Technology was installed in Hi210, WH201, WH228, WH231, WH324, WH325a, WS240, and WS342. Soon, contractors will do the technology in the Ives Concert Hall and WS127. Bose speakers were placed in technology classrooms to enhance the sound and University Computing will continue to install Bose speakers in technology classrooms.

Number of technology classrooms in each building:

Building	Total # of Technology Classrooms	# of Multi-station classrooms & Type
Berkshire	10	1 PC
Haas Library	2	1 PC
Higgins	8	1 PC
Higgins Annex	0	
Science Building	37	1 PC; 1 Combo
Warner	5	1 PC
Westside	26	8 PC
White Hall	32	4 PC; 3 Mac
Waterbury	5	1 PC
	125	22

Technology Classroom Responsible Department Comments – WS377a, WS216, WS219, BR105, Hi107, Hi202, Br114, Hi210 were completed. WS208, WH112, WH302, and WH325b are in progress. Blackboards will remain in Hi108, Hi110, and Hi117. Lorraine referred the comments submitted regarding Hi107, Hi108 and Hi210 to Maintenance and Lorraine will update the ITC on these issues.

ITC Replacement Plan – Haas 413, WH302, and WS241 were completed over the summer. WS116 received 30 new desktops. WS116 still needs to be remodeled.

Active Directory continues to be deployed across campus with the conversion of faculty, staff, and student accounts. This lays the ground work for a common authentication scheme and our migration to Microsoft Exchange as our email solution.

NCATE. A software package, TK20 is being implemented for all education students to assist the Education Department in tracking the data and e-Portfolios needed for the accreditation. WestConn is piloting this product for the CSU system.

Staffing. UC has hired a new programmer/developer, Julie Johnson. Three other positions remain unfilled at this time.

Security. Obviously security is a system-wide concern and WestConn continues to implement pieces of the Security Standards document. At the same time, a process to look at the critical Banner data, particularly class "A" data of a highly sensitive nature, how it is utilized, and how it can best be protected.

Orientation in June and Welcome Week in September. University Computing continues to assist and refine available technology and services during these important events. Some services were to set up the capability to register and advise students at various locations, and issue accounts to get students connected to the university as early as possible.

WestConn's website continues to be enhanced to reflect our mission and our newly developed strategic plan. This summer University Computing released a new technology website that addressed feedback from university constituents in terms of less "clicks" and better organization so that services "pop out" at users on the site.

Ad Astra scheduling is being tested by the Registrar's office to produce effective and efficient schedules which will best utilize classroom resources and provide our students with the appropriate selection of courses. Phase II of the project has been delayed because the company is behind on their release of the Platinum version.

Turnitin.com is the software that WestConn utilizes to screen student work that is not original. Its use by faculty continues to increase.

Windows Defender and McAfee 8.5.0i. Windows Defender anti-spyware product was deployed and McAfee anti-virus software was upgraded to protect university machines. A home version of the McAfee product is available from the technology website to all active faculty, staff, and students.

Banner hardware architecture, the current architecture is nearing its end of life and a system-wide team has been working to determine the appropriate architecture and hardware to meet our future needs.

Blackboard (formerly WebCT) **Vista** training and support continues. We will migrate from 3 to version 4 during intersession and Spring 2008.

Banner Self Service. The server was upgraded to Oracle 10g.

Classroom software was upgraded with new versions of SPSS, Great Stella, Mathlab ...

Wireless Printing. UC is about ready to release wireless printing in various locations.