

Mac Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2012

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm.

In attendance: Jim Cox, Terry Gray, CJ Keist, Robin McGee, Diane Noren

Campus software standards for Mac:

After some discussion, it was decided to recommend the following changes in the software standards for Mac:

- Calendaring - include iCal and Outlook 2011 as preferred software
- Email - include Thunderbird and Apple Mail as preferred software and remove Entourage support
- Operating system - change to OSX 10.6 and newer
- Presentation - update Powerpoint to 2011, downgrade Powerpoint 2008 and remove Powerpoint 2004. Also include Keynote as supported software
- Spreadsheet - update Excel to 2011, downgrade, 2008 and remove 2004 versions. Also include Numbers as recommended software
- Word Processing - as above, update to include 2011 version, downgrade 2008 and remove 2004 support. Also include Pages as supported software.
- Virus checker/spyware - some discussion revealed there was unanimous dissatisfaction with Symantec on a Mac. MAG recommends looking into alternatives including ClamXAV (free) and VirusBarrier (EDU discounted)
- Browser - add Chrome to supported software along with Firefox and Safari.

After some discussion of the hardware standards for Mac, it was decided to simplify the hardware recommendations to include any Mac that is 2008 or newer and then simply update the year annually as standards are reviewed.

Diane noted it would be very helpful to have a list of recommended apps for the iPad. Some of the common applications include the following but should be reviewed in more detail and possibly shortened or expanded for Diane's reference.

- Pages
- CloudOn (free office suite)
- DropBox
- GoodNotes (handwriting and PDF mark-up)
- GoodReader (PDF reader/markup)
- Remote Desktop Lite
- Penultimate (handwritten notes)
- Evernote
- iLunandscape (browser)

CJ Keist was elected as the new chair of MAG. Robin McGee agreed to continue to serve as secretary.

Terry expressed interest in having Apple TV more widely available in campus classrooms. However, there are some network issues that would need to be addressed if that were to happen. The iPad or Mac laptop used with Apple TV needs to be on the same subnet as the Apple TV console so they can "see" each other. The Apple TV console would also need to be restricted from anyone other than the instructor so that the broadcast couldn't be hijacked. It

was suggested that Corey Carson might have some insight/experience with this sort of thing that could be beneficial to CSU.

Diane mentioned that while the iPad is the most popular tablet device, it would be helpful to have an alternative Android-based tablet. She suggested that perhaps the Samsung Galaxy would be a good choice. If you are familiar with other Android tablets that might be a good alternative for students, please contact Diane.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.