

Ventura College Technology Committee

September 10 2012

Meeting Notes

1. There were no corrections or questions regarding the May 14, 2012, meeting notes.
2. Erica Tarrt is taking care of Distance Education (Krista Wilbur left 09/15/12).
3. Grant reported that they completed the SARS upgrade and migrated the database. Now we have backups and it is easier to rebuild. They are waiting for a text message server. Students will sign up to agree to receiving text messages. Dave Fuhrman said they are looking for a district alert system. Dan asked if we can check schedules online and Denise replied that you can look but not edit.
4. Grant reported that Ad Camp will not give us a pilot kiosk. It's either sign up for the whole program or nothing. Grant would prefer an interactive screen. Grant will install a non-interactive TV in ASVC that can be updated and also have live TV. We will use this TV as a kind of pilot.
5. Grant reported that CTS completed the Smart Classrooms MAC 205, SCI 106 and SCI 222 per Program Review.
6. He has been reviewing the "Pixie". It costs \$300 and said we may not need the Crestron.

"The Pixie family of controllers offers elegant and complete control systems that fit in a standard single-gang back box. The modular button design allows users flexibility in configuring the panel to match their needs.

Pixie offers intuitive control of virtually any display system with a remote control, be it a video projector, plasma screen, or LCD monitor. Controls power, volume, and switches between up to 8 inputs.

The Pixie is a perfect fit for AV installations with transient users. It eliminates the confusion caused by wandering remotes, dead batteries, and complex projector control interfaces. An untrained user can use the Pixie to control any display device with confidence and ease."



7. CTS rebuilt all (about 100) of the 755's and 760's with SSD-Ram upgrades. The "Thin Clients" look stable.
8. Grant reported that CTS worked on the PAC building all summer. They worked with Pro Sound and now they are fine tuning.
9. Dave Keebler described the Program Review process. This committee will allocate resources according to the Tech Plan. Last year \$150,000 was approved. The Board approved new infrastructure funding for maintaining equipment. We need to set aside dollars for this. CTS will review tech requests.