ETS Project Updates

Summer 2011 – Phase II

It was a very busy summer for ETS with the introduction and/or implementation of many exciting technology enhancements. As promised in our recent Summer 2011 edition of ETS Project Updates, the following list highlights some additional, significant technology changes/enhancements from Summer 2011.

- Increased MCC's Internet Bandwidth from 150Mbps to 320Mps – Have you noticed how much faster the MCC network is lately? Faculty, staff and students now have seamless and faster access to websites even at times of heavy Internet traffic. Thanks to the Communications and Network Services (CNS) team for implementing the Internet upgrades to the MCC network. These upgrades now provide a faster network experience for the College. ETS continues to ensure updated technology connectivity and robust, high-capacity, communications services for the entire College community.

- Rolled out Windows 7 and Office 2010 on Classroom Computers –CNS has updated classroom computers with Microsoft Office 2010. Visit the Microsoft 2010 Suite site to review powerful new tools available for use: http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/products/office-2010-windows-7-better-together . Innovations in Windows 7 Operating System provide for a better desktop; smarter research; easier sharing of network files and printers; higher speed performance; better wireless networking; windows touch (through true multitouch technology); better compatibility with devices; better video watching, listening and streaming; more powerful tools through Internet Explorer 9 and Windows Live; and an Action Center providing nag-free notifications. Explore the Microsoft Windows 7 features through the Microsoft Site: http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/products/features . Faculty and Staff who have not yet been upgraded and would like to upgrade their office PC to Windows 7 and Office 2010 should contact the ETS Technology Support Center: On-Campus, dial TECH (8324) and off-campus, dial 292-8324.

- Increased network storage from 40 terabytes to 50 terabytes – For the College's ever-growing need for more storage space on MCC network file servers, CNS has increased MCC's network storage 20%.

- Upgraded over 1800 PCs in classrooms and offices – Thanks to MCC's Computer Deployment Plan, 1800 PCs in classrooms and offices have been upgraded and/or replaced. These PCs have Windows 7 and Office 2010 – one of the best available operating systems on the market and Microsoft's top software suite and tools.

- Improved use of Proximity Cards for Shuttle Access – To ride the MCC shuttle bus this year, you no longer need to use the magnetic swipe – you can just tap your MCC ID card (proximity) on the proximity reader located above the magnetic swipe reader next to the door on the shuttle. This new technology will speed up the boarding process significantly.   Your ID card will show a proximity number on the back below the wide bottom magnetic strip. If there is no number, go to the Brighton or DCC Badge Office for a replacement card at no charge.

Watch future Tribune announcements for upcoming technology enhancements:

- The First Student Technology Help Desk
- myMCC Student Portal
- QR Codes

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- MCC Mobile Application
- Tech Tab on myMCC
- myMCC Campus Announcements for Targeted Audiences