Iowa City Computer Lab Move – Project Scope

I have talked to most of you about this or you are aware of it through the capital projects requests. As there are several areas involved and timing will be important I am sending this brief description of this project so it can get a priority place on the project lists for this summer.

Mary Lou and Dana are supportive of this proposal as the timing is good for switching out our old computers in rooms 104 and 107 and the addition of the wireless network allows us to accommodate our computer lab and one check out classroom with out actually providing a physical space.

Our computer lab in room 262 has quickly become to small to accommodate our student needs, therefore, we need to increase the available space for our students in the lab. My proposal requires moving the lab from 262 down to rooms 104 and 107. This would require removing the wall between the rooms which has been requested in the capital projects request. Rooms 104 and 107 are presently computer check out rooms. I suggest moving one of these rooms to room 216 which is right next to our 213 computer room. The other room will be accommodate through a laptop check out process. According to Dana this would be an ideal time to do the move since the computers in rooms 104 and 107 will be on the replacement list for this summer. We would only need to replace half of them with desk tops and we could replace the other half with laptops which would give us our laptop checkout computers.

Rooms 104 and 107 will house about six more computers than the 262 lab does. Although this isn’t a large increase we will be able to accommodate future increases by using a laptop check out system. We would allow student to check out laptops and use them in the commons area which is across the hall. The wireless network that was installed this past year allows us to do this plus it will allow us to have one of our checkout rooms accommodate through a laptop checkout system.

The timing issue has to do with getting our computer lab operational by the beginning of the fall term. After the spring term is over we could allow rooms 104 and 107 to be available for the remodeling work.

Another benefit of this move is that it will make available 262 for a large tabled classroom. The tables and chairs for that classroom should be all the additional furniture we would need.