Fall 2014 SMC “Digital Plant” Update

Strategic Leverage

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SMC Strategic Planning discourse:
...technology for flexible and innovative course formats
...collaboration across borders
...faculty participation in international research networks
...building a library and learning commons
...access points for interaction, comfort, engagement, transactions
...deepen connections between students and alumni
...modernize existing facilities
...promote collaboration among programs

Current Technology Strategic Plan (adopted in 2012):
- Advancing academic excellence
- Creating digital literacy and proficiency

Pat Krietz's Focus on the Future conversation:
...classrooms are going to look totally different in 5,10 years
...faculty commons...with technology needs surrounding [faculty]
...high schools [with] flipped classrooms [and] lectures taught through video
...a group of students or faculty together collaborating with people from all over
...A space where people can go and engage in this interactive, digital world

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Ed Tywoniak’s Keck Foundation grant proposal:
- Develop an informed, inspired and trained faculty that understand the integration and utilization of contemporary technology in teaching and learning
- Identify specific needs of constituent faculty and campus learning communities for the utilization of digital technologies in teaching and scholarship
- Develop an action plan for implementing specific aspects of the core curriculum within a contemporary digital framework
- Support investigation by faculty of new modes of classroom teaching that reflects the millennial students currently entering college
- Identify off-campus partners who might assist in understanding the relationship between digital competencies and practices with entry-level expectations of the contemporary workplace

WASC Lines of Inquiry:
- Technology improvements (How are they working? How are they evaluated? Will results be integrated into SMC's strategic plan?)
- Update on tech plan - what has been achieved and plans for the future

Educational Technology Group (formerly Faculty Technology Group):
- January Term 2015 hybrid course pilot
- Classroom technology review
- Faculty technology grants