



**Chapter Council Presents
Sharing Roundtables**
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Table 30: Wireless Technology

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Topics discussed:

- “What is wireless?” PDA’s, tablets, smartphones (Tungsten C, Treo), cell phones, etc.
- What’s available for PDA; no frills webpages for PDA’s
- PDA’s “dying slow death – being replaced by tablet PC’s. Tablet PC’s currently being supported by the Eccles Library.
- Expectations of incoming (GenX and millennial) medical students. One such expectation is the availability of lectures on iPods.
- New Health Education building at Eccles. John Bramble told us about standardized classrooms adjacent to the Eccles Library with wireless campus communication which expands access but is safe. Their school of nursing uses Tungsten C’s. He described the library’s role in “steering collegiality”.
- AvantGo channel downloads pages to your PDA and will go to a specified number of links. An 85% educational discount was \$18,000.
- At Eccles a Verizon PCIM slot costs less per year than what it costs to connect for one trade show