Members Present Reid Christenberry, Missy Cody, Bill Kinyon, Fred Massey, Robin Morris, John Neel, Bill Nelson, Scott Owen, Greg Streib, Shirley Tastad, and Detmar Straub

Members Absent Paula Dressel and Scott Owen

Others Attending Mark Jones (Director of Finance and Administration, IS&T)
Thomas Lamb (Director of University Computing & Networking Services, IS&T)

The September 25 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Thomas Lamb, the newly-appointed director of University Computing and Networking Services (UCNS), was introduced.

Campus Wide Video Distribution

In line with projects assigned to UCNS, a document produced by Charles Hollingsworth on Georgia State's video services, was distributed and discussed. A suggestion was made to change the title of the document from "A Vision of Campus Wide Video Distribution" to "An Assessment of Campus Wide Video Distribution," as it more accurately reflects the content.

Scott Owen asked about the digital project Mary Jane Casto is working on. The proposal is for a grant to establish a project to experiment with digital video and audio transmission to the classroom or specialized lab on campus. Reid will forward an electronic copy of "Network Delivery of Instructional Video to the Classroom" to the ISAT Committee.

Review of IS&T Budget Changes, FY96 to FY98

Mark Jones distributed and reviewed documents regarding IS&T's budget changes, FY'96-'98. The purpose of the presentation was to show where IS&T's budget began in 1996, relate any changes, deletions, and additions, provide detailed information regarding redirection funding, and relate where the budget stands
currently. Mark assured the committee that IS&T is finding creative ways to redeploy funding. He also reported IS&T is focusing on staying within budget and is restructuring its organization to support academic initiatives. The committee responded with emphasizes on the importance of IS&T's activities being clearly defined on campus, each EFT justified, and all long-term vacancies explained in order to garner support from the university entities.

A schedule will be developed to keep the Senate ISAT Committee informed about any new funding and contingency requests and the development of FY'98 budget. These requests will reflect their relationship to the strategic plan. Further discussion included having a financial ad hoc subcommittee to review budgetary matters to assure they are clearly defined before they are brought to the Senate ISAT Committee for consideration. Primarily philosophical issues need to be discussed in the full committee meeting.

**Technology Fee**

John Neel expressed concerns that a student taking fewer hours will pay two to three times the fee charges that a full time student pays and will use less technology. He is also concerned about what these fees will support. Reid Christenberry will ask the Deans for information about the possibility of using these fees to fund college-level instructional labs. Reid's request will include questions regarding the building name, the room number, the number of student workstations, hours of operation, access restrictions and number of EFT support staff committed to operating the lab. Pertinent information will be incorporated in the proposal.

The current contract with MCI is for five years. Any renegotiation of this should have a flat rate and a cap and be structured in such a way that students can pay for it through financial aid. Ideally, a renegotiated contract would offer something for the university and be a profitable contract for MCI, as well.

The meeting was adjourned. Items distributed for the meeting and not discussed because of time constraints were: 1) an updated IS&T organizational chart, 2) the FY'98 FACP Calendar, 3) Planning FY'98 Action Items as of July 24, 1997, 4) Systems Migration Requested Budget for FY'98-2000, 5) IS&T Advisory Committee Members as of October, 1997.

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