Information Systems and Technology Committee  
718 General Classroom  
August 28, 1997  
3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Reid Christenberry, Paula Dressel, Bill Kinyon, Fred Massey, Robin Morris, Bill Nelson, Scott Owen, Shirley Tastad, Greg Streib

Members Absent:

Missy Cody, John Neel, Detmar Straub, Patrick Wiseman

Also Attended:

Kurt Keppler, Assistant Vice President, Student Life

Student Technology Fee Proposal
Kurt Keppler was invited to attend the Senate ISAT meeting to review the fee proposal and to suggest needed revisions where the proposal affects the student community either positively or negatively.

Mr. Christenberry summarized the proposal. The first two paragraphs of the proposal provide background and need for a technology fee. The rest of the document addresses:

- Current technology fees in the higher education environment,
- Chart of institutions and fees currently charged,
- Estimated revenues,
- Potential targets for using student fees,
- Recommended procedure,
- Accountability, and
- Adoption process.

Mr. Keppler praised the document as a good first attempt. The ensuing discussion involved ways to communicate the proposal in order to muster student support. Procedures in the past have included advertising and holding an open forum for students to discuss such proposals. Educating representative students on the need for and benefits of a technology fee, providing a forum for feedback, and soliciting their backing are key elements in attaining student support. If students are convinced of the needs and benefits, students will support fees as proven by their recent support of the recreational center fee request. Kurt Keppler suggested one possibility of sharing the revised proposal would be in the student leadership conclave, which is scheduled September 12-14.

Further discussion centered on how to revise the proposal and possibly include:

- An overall philosophy,
- If possible, a subsidy of the monthly MCI-base fees to students with computers,
- Relationship of fees to technology provided, i.e., outline technological consequences if no fee or a lower fee is adopted as opposed to the opportunities a higher fee would provide,
- Sliding fee scale based on credit hours,
• Revision of the chart relating to "sampling of recent student technology fees," to list universities alphabetically and to indicate the fee amount per semester/quarter and the annualized fee,
• Addressing FAC-P preferences as to how fees should be used.

Reid will revise the document, share it with the Senate ISAT Committee, and with its approval, proceed with the adoption process for FY'97.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 25, 3:00 p.m., in 718 General Classroom.

Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone