Senate Information Systems & Technology Committee
718 General Classroom
September 25, 1997
3:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Approval of August 28 Minutes
2. Student Technology Fee Proposal
3. Other Business

Minutes

Members Present
Reid Christenberry, Missy Cody, Bill Kinyon, Fred Massey, Bill Nelson, Detmar Straub, and Patrick Wiseman

Members Absent
Paula Dressel, Robin Morris, John Neel, Scott Owen, Greg Streib, Shirley Tastad

Also Attended
Sam Heidt, Interim Director, University Computing and Networking Services

Minutes
The committee approved the August 28 minutes as distributed.

Enterprise Server (Mainframe) Replacement To Meet Year 2000 Requirements
Sam Heidt was invited as a resource person to discuss this proposal and answer questions raised by the committee. He outlined the current hardware capabilities, the justification for change, and discussed the table showing the replacement would be cost effective over the three-year period. Two pertinent questions were raised: 1) how does this fit in with the strategic plan, and 2) how does this fit in with the migration from the mainframe environment to the client-server environment? He responded that the proposal did fit in with the strategic plan as it aids in meeting the goal of being Year 2000 compliant. However, this is a short-term problem that needs to be addressed though it does not directly relate to the IT Strategic Plan. The replacement system will:

- qualify for savings in software fees
- increase computational and disk storage capacity needed to convert applications to Year 2000-compliancy, and
- save in energy consumption and square footage and reduce its annual operating expense below the current level

Since the three-year total for the IBM new hardware and operating system will be less than maintaining the Amdahl hardware with a new operating system, and since it will not delay current plans to migrate to the client-server environment, the committee approved the recommendation.

The committee also suggested that when writing a rationale for contingency funds, to mention the
strategic plan and reiterate that this purchase will not affect the plans to move toward the client-server environment.

Technology Fee Proposal
In reviewing the revised proposal Reid discussed the changes from the draft proposal distributed in the previous meeting. After reviewing the revised proposal, the committee pointed out the following:

- Georgia State's enrollment figures should be checked with Jerry Rackliffe for consistency of information
- The importance of addressing the needs, concerns, and objections of the people that will be reading the document, i.e., deans, students and FACP
- Possibly consider producing different documents for deans, students and FACP, keeping information within the two documents consistent, but gearing the information toward the constituency
- The method of reimbursing students for MCI fees needs to be resolved
- The importance of documenting costs and being sure figures are correct within the proposal

The first year the technology fee is in force will be simple and will allow for data collection. The document will be revised and shared at the next student group meeting.

Teaching and Learning With Technology Subcommittee
Dr. Nelson distributed an E-mail he had written to Ron Henry suggesting names of people to serve on this subcommittee. They were: Reid Christenberry (IS&T), Jane Leonard (IS&T), John Neel (COE), Kathy O'Neill (COE), Harry Dangel (CTL & COE), Missy Cody (Health Sciences), Harvey Brightman (COBA), John Houghton (A&S), Steve Harmon (COE), Patrick Wiseman (Law), Scott Owen (A&S), Cynthia Schwenk (A&S), Greg Streib (Policy Studies), Bill Kinyon (Library), Carla Relaford (Distance Learning), Mark Keil (COBRA), Kirk Richardson (A&S). Since Dr. Henry approved his nominations, Dr. Nelson will send a letter asking each of these to serve and provide them with a charge as members of the subcommittee. Among other issues, they will review the Courseware Review Report from the Web-based Courseware Review Group, which was also distributed during this meeting. IS&T would prefer that a decision on the courseware be made this quarter, and preferably that there is a consensus on one product.

University Computing & Networking Director Search
Affirmative Action is reviewing the candidate of choice and an announcement will be made within a week.

Meeting adjourned.