Minutes
Senate Information Systems and Technology Committee
February 24, 1998
3:00 p.m.
718 General Classroom

Present: Evelyn Babey, Reid Christenberry, Missy Cody, Tim Crimmins, Bill Kinyon, Fred Massey, John Neel, Bill Nelson, Scott Owen, Detmar Straub, Greg Streib, Shirley Tastad, Patrick Wiseman

Absent: Larry Kelley, Robin Morris

Minutes: Approved as distributed.

Student Computer Ownership: Bill Nelson will draft a document, with rationale, about student computer ownership and forward it for ISAT Committee review and approval. He will then forward the document to APACE, Admissions, and the Senate for review and comments.

What are the implications of student computer ownership on the university infrastructure? The TLTS believes this will be an evolutionary process. However, the demand will be faculty-driven, as their courses begin to require the use of computers. Creating a series of benchmarks, targeting the departments that will use web-based courses, will be helpful in evaluating the process. Monitoring dorm usage would also be useful data. John Neel was asked to write a rationale for monitoring university infrastructure needs and to create a process for monitoring ongoing needs and growth. This report will also be useful in preparation of budgets. John Neel will provide a draft for ISAT Committee review.

What is the university obligation to students, and how does it fall into this spectrum? Kenneth Green, who does national surveys, indicates a university average of one workstation per every 24 FTE student. Currently, Georgia State is providing one for every 40 to 50 FTE student. Further discussion included the progress of connectivity to the residence halls, with Reid Christenberry providing a history of the problems involved. The committee passed a resolution that the Provost be requested to work with Auxiliary Services to provide connectivity to the dorms.

IS&T Advisory Committee and Committees with IT Involvement: A six-page listing of IS&T Advisory Committees, Committees with Significant Technological Implications, and Non-University Committees Requiring University Participation was distributed. Reid reviewed the history and progress of each committee. He also distributed a draft of the University Technology Support Group Charter. The distributed materials regarding UTSG included the name of the organization, the establishing authority, membership, mission, scope, functional responsibilities, composition and organization, frequency of meetings, and reporting responsibilities. Other pertinent material related to this committee was also distributed. In relation to this, a SAGE booklet on IT job descriptions was distributed. Discussion ensued about the need to upgrade Georgia State's IT salaries to be comparable with salaries offered by other organizations.

Because of her area of expertise, Scott Owen suggested that Kathy O'Neill serve on the Classroom Facilities Council, as a representative of the TLTS committee, though there are two Senate ISAT
Committee members and two TLTS member currently represented on the CFC.

ISAT Committee members will review the listing, and at a future meeting, define which groups should have ISAT representation and/or provide reports to an ISAT Committee or subcommittee.

**TLTS Report:** In its February 20 meeting, the TLTS discussed student computer ownership. In relationship to numbers four and five of its previous recommendation to ISAT Committee, the committee has asked IS&T to share information regarding the general annual cost of providing computers and support as opposed to a network wired infrastructure.

They also requested a scholarly teaching database be developed and that the request be made as a recommendation to the ISAT Committee. It was suggested that the Research Office might be the one to develop the teaching database. A review of how others are doing this and a canvas of the faculty would be helpful. ISAT will discuss and help in the implementation, as appropriate.

**Updates from UCCS:** Thomas Lamb, director of UCCS, provided an update on the GSU Document Printing Service. The paper he distributed reviewed current printers’ usage, campus surveys, GSU centralized network printing proposed configuration, cost model, and three options UCCS is considering. There is a question of whether this function is a service that IS&T should provide. The committee requested that UCCS provide a report of both the consumable and personnel costs. The committee requested Reid to talk with the provost regarding his opinion about IS&T providing this service.

**Other discussion:** A concern was raised about the Senate ISAT meetings running too long and some agenda items not being discussed because of the length of time spent on other topics. A time limit for each agenda item was suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.