Minutes
Senate Information Systems & Technology Committee
September 24, 1998
3:00 p.m.

Present: Evelyn Babey, Faye Borthick, Laura Burtle, Reid Christenberry, Martin Fraser, Randy Jones, Mark Keil, Michael Moore, John Neel, Bill Nelson, Scott Owen, Shirley Tastad, Richard Welke, Patrick Wiseman

Absent: Missy Cody, Tim Crimmins, Larry Kelley, Greg Lisby, Detmar Straub, Bill Waugh

Also Attended: Lakisha S. Williams attended, representing Katalia Flint, new student member

Minutes: The August 27 minutes were approved as submitted.

Student Computer-Use Policy
After a short discussion, Richard Welke made a motion the policy be approved, motion was seconded, and the policy was approved.

TLTS Update
Scott Owen reported the TLTS meeting was scheduled for September 25, and a report will be given at the next Senate ISAT Committee meeting.

ITSS Update
ITSS is re-scheduling their meetings to the week before each corresponding ISAT Committee meeting. Minutes of these meetings will be posted at http://education.gsu.edu/itss. Obtaining the Microsoft Suite Campus License, its effect on Georgia State’s current standards, and whether a group should be impaneled to review the impact on campus was discussed. They also discussed the implication of the "Spectrum Workstation Deployment and Maintenance" draft of September 11, 1998. The proposed delivery method presents a number of challenges in which the ITSS, CRT and IST will have to work on cooperatively to ensure a solution that is workable for all users and administrators. Randy will attend the monthly Spectrum Infrastructure Team meetings as a liaison to ensure communication and understanding.

Discussion ensued regarding plans for deployment of Microsoft Suite. There is no policy that says everyone must switch to this Suite. IS&T is gearing up on training and IS&T support will move to this Suite. However, some areas may prefer to stay with the Corel Suite because it is better suited to their particular needs. Because PeopleSoft requires the use of the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and the University System has the site license for the Microsoft Suite, it seems prudent to move toward this standard and to provide training for Microsoft Suite.

Distribution of Microsoft is still an issue. It will cost $96,000 a year to keep the license active, and this includes upgrades. (Upgrades on current suite will cost more than that). Microsoft will count individuals rather than PCs, supports distributed learning, provides rights to all versions of covered software and an option to include students, it recognizes unique lab computing environments, and accommodates decentralized purchasing. Microsoft has agreed to count knowledge workers (instead of PCs), to cover all computer lab machines and all institutionally-
owned machines, an option to license students, rights to all versions, and ability to license large departments or schools. Provides rights to run all of the following products for 12 months: Office/Office Pro (Windows and Mac), Win 32 OS upgrade, Back Office clients, Frontpage and Visual Studio Pro. ITSS should be the group to do a study of the impact on campus. Their study should include faculty input.

Approximately 154 workstations were purchased to support the Peoplesoft deployment. However, they arrived with Windows 95 installed. This raised the question of what operating system will be used with PeopleSoft, and Citrix was suggested as a solution, as it can be run on any platform. Reports from Ohio State, University of Michigan, and Berkley indicate this is a good solution. Citrix handles DOS, Window NT and Unix systems.

**Adhoc Committee**
Members of an adhoc committee to discuss FY2000 action planning were named: they are Faye Borthick, Marty Fraser, Missy Cody, and J. Reid Christenberry.

**Rescheduling of October ISAT Committee Meeting**
Since the University System Computing Conference at Rock Eagle conflicts with the October meeting, it was rescheduled to October 29 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.