Minutes
Senate Information Systems and Technology Committee
718 General Classroom
January 28, 1999
3:00 p.m.

Present: Evelyn Babey, Faye Borthick, Laura Burtle, Reid Christenberry, Missy Cody, Marty Fraser, Randall Jones, Mark Keil, John Neel, Bill Nelson, Scott Owen, Shirley Tastad, Bill Waugh, and Dick Welke

Also Attended: Mary Jane Casto, to review the FY'00 budget, and Andrea Georgalis

Absent: Yezdi Bhada, Tim Crimmins, Mary Ann Finn, Katalia Flint, Larry Kelley, Greg Lisby, Michael Moore, Detmar Straub, Patrick Wiseman

Minutes:
The minutes were approved as distributed.

Discussion of IS&T New Funding Plan for FY'00

The following materials were distributed and reviewed:

a. Narrative for New Continuing Funding Requests

b. FY'00 New Funding Plan (all requests) and FY'00 New Funding Plan (for 5% cap on requests)

c. Mandatory Contingency Items

A suggestion to elevate the Classroom Support Initiative to number two priority and increase the number of classroom and lab support staff, realigned the priorities as follows:

1. UCCS and LS&TI, totaling $315,964
2. UETS, totaling $106,746
3. UCCS, totaling $54,602
4. UIS, totaling $76,250

The grand total for new funding request is $553,562.

A question was raised about Y2K funding. Of the $1.1 million the Board of Regents gave Georgia State University, $700,000 was tagged for assessment and $300,000 for Amdahl replacement. CMSI has been engaged to do an assessment on the campus' readiness for Y2K. A portion of the $700,000 will pay for their review and written recommendation. The Board of Regents will expect a written justification of how money is spent.

With the suggested changes in priorities and updating the Summary Sheets to reflect the changes in priorities, the committee approved the New Funding Plan for FY'00.

The Action Plans, narrative, and summary will be discussed in the next meeting.

TLTS Update

For complete minutes see http://ironduke.cs.gsu.edu/tlts/. They discussed, 1) a mechanism for professors to obtain students' E-mail addresses, 2) different registration fees for on-line courses compared to regular on-campus courses, 3) obsolete projection equipment at the North Metro Center, 4) upcoming Teaching and Learning Exposition, co-sponsored by the TLTS, 5) and the fact that GSU did not have bad enrollment problems for the spring semester, therefore, they are urging administration to spend money targeted for instructional technology in this fiscal year.

IT Support Subcommittee

Randy Jones reported their last meeting was a planning meeting. They discussed: 1) priorities for the new year, 2) reducing total
cost of ownership for workstations and support, 3) support for MS Office Suite, 4) Plans for Netware 5, and 5) methods for ensuring that virus definition files are kept current.

Richard Welke recalled a staff person erasing files and outlined problems that ensue when this happens. Randy will address this with his committee.

**IT Compensation Study**

An overview of this study was distributed to clear any misconceptions people on campus may have about the study. This overview included the process, summary of results and funding and policy recommendations. There continues to be the question of where the money will come from to address the funding recommendations.

It is possible to increase IT salaries mid year, if Georgia State University's administration approves, because of changes approved by the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents adopted a new stance regarding the recruitment and retention of IT personnel. This includes, 1) allowing institutions to hire a system retiree up to one-half time of his/her former full-time position rather than restricting earnings to the retiree's former full-time salary less his/her retirement benefit, 2) eliminating pre-approval for mid-year salary adjustments, 3) eliminating the need to justify salary increases beyond the range imposed by the Board's salary administration policy and 4) allowing for extra compensation to be paid IT personnel for assuming additional work responsibilities above those contained in current job descriptions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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