Minutes
Senate Information Systems and Technology Committee
718 General Classroom
February 25, 1999
3:00 p.m.

Present:
Evelyn Babey, Laura Burtle, Reid Christenberry, Marty Fraser, Bill Nelson, Scott Owen, Detmar Straub, Shirley Tastad, Richard Welke,

Absent:
Yezdi Bhada, Faye Borthick, Missy Cody, Tim Crimmins, Mary Ann Finn, Katalia Flint, Randy Jones, Mark Keil, Larry Kelley, Greg Lisby, Michael Moore, John Neel, Bill Waugh, Patrick Wiseman

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Approved as distributed.

Discussion of IS&T FY2000 Action Plan

The following reports were distributed for review regarding IS&T's Action Plan for FY2000: A narrative, an action plan in table format, and an action plan summary. Because of a limited increase in budget, IS&T was only able to submit requests for institutional issues that needed to be addressed. IS&T pruned all old contracts and followed through with internal redirection. Y2K compliance is also an issue in budget planning. The discussion revealed the distributed Tentative FY2000 Action Items (in table format) were not the updated version. Discussion was tabled for discussion during the March 23 meeting.

TLTS Update

Scott reported on the TLTS Video Server Committee progress and announced the video server is on line. He also reported there are several IT proposals for high end equipment to support academic and research needs. Since computers can now be purchased for $500, TLTS is currently looking seriously at the possibility of student ownership. If students are required to purchase their computers, they would be able to request financial aid, and funds for students to use computers in labs could be redirected toward areas that require high end computers. In considering this, it is important to ensure accessibility for and impact on students. Students should be involved in any recommendation of a decision regarding student-owned computers.

There is also the possibility of having Ethernet ports on campus for student use. A test of who is currently using the web and/or word processing could be conducted to review needs. Not increasing the number of seats in labs would give an impetus for student ownership of a computer. Reid reported the MicroSoft contract is for university-owned machines and does not include students. Scott reported he will discuss this further with his committee.

Updates from the Associate Provost for IS&T

IT Compensation Study-Reid reported the committee did a good job of documenting the needs; he explained the tier 1, 2, and 3 levels.

Y2K Compliance-Reid distributed a report as of February 24 of the Y2K funding status. Reid will ask Art Vandenberg if there is a software suite that will give consistency in reporting our campus' readiness. Dave Denton has the criterion on what is required for upgrading. He praised Dave and Art for their work on
documenting the need and in getting funds from the Board of Regents to assist our campus in becoming compliant.

GroupWise—There has been a 30 percent increase in total mail volume during the spring semester. GroupWise is 80 percent saturated. At this saturation point, GroupWise cannot perform maintenance requirements. A new box has been ordered and staff is looking at automatic archiving.

E-Mail Task Force—A committee made up of faculty, staff and students are reviewing this. The members are: Faye Borthick, Greg Streib, Kevin Propst, Lindsey Weiner, Thomas Lamb, Timeka Bamback, Wanda Taylor, and Carolyn Gard.

Gwinnett Center—Gwinnett Center will not be a virtual university, instead its focus will be on traditional college age and high tech students with classroom seats for 500 students. It is located five miles from the other facility. There is a concern about Georgia State University losing students to this new facility. Plans are to make another state university of Gwinnett Center.

**Information Technology Support Subcommittee update**

Since Randy was not available, there was no report.

**Future meetings:**

Tuesday, March 23: Thursday, April 22; and Thursday, June 24.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.