Senate Information Systems & Technology Committee
April 27, 2000
3:00 p.m.
718 General Classroom

Present: Al Baumstark, Reid Christenberry, Evelyn Babey, Faye Borthick, Laura Burtle, Missy Cody, Randy DeKler, Bill Evans, Al McWilliams, Valerie Miller, Scott Owen, Carla Relaford, and Shirley Tastad.

The meeting was chaired by Scott Owen.

Minutes: Two sentences in the report of the TLTS were questioned, and after discussion, the last two sentences in the third paragraph of the TLTS report were deleted.

TLTS Report: The subcommittee discussed how well the Technology Expo went. There were 120 registered attendees from eight institutions.

The TLTS will nominate Patrick Wiseman for the Tom Creed Compassionate Pioneer Award.

Yezdi Bhada is setting up a search committee for the director of the TLTC. This will be a part-time position, and the TLTS discussed the potential for contributing to the job description for the director, and Missy said direction from this committee would be appreciated. Some names suggested for the search committee were: Harry Dangel, Greg Streib, Patrick Wiseman and Missy Cody.

ITSS Report: Randy DeKler reported the ITSS website is www.gsu.edu/~wwits/.

In the April meeting, he asked his subcommittee to provide recommended revisions to the University strategic plans and comments on the proposed TLTC.

Randy reported Bill Paraska presented issues UCCS is currently examining; these include services to be added in FY01, strategic goals for FY01, a proposed e-mail policy, a proposed GW archiving strategy, a proposed remote access policy, and a request for members on a new committee that will look at a policy for storage and delivery of video over the campus network. Following Bill's presentation, the members offered suggestions on his proposal. Bill will reexamine the proposals and bring them back to the next ITSS meeting.

Student Technology Fee: Reid distributed a draft of a letter to the Deans, dated April 28, subject, "Technology Fee Proposal Process," calling attention to each item in the letter and explaining the dates are "soft" on numbers 4 and 5 and may be changed. He also distributed 1) a statement from Senior Vice Chancellor Lindsay A. Desrochers, Board of Regents regarding technology fees, and 2) Appendix F: Review Team recommendation on Technology Fee Guidelines. Please see Dolores Waters, ext. 1-3471, for copies of these. Deans will submit their prioritized applications to both Reid and Scott by June 15. Scott, as chair of the Technology Subcommittee, has offered to make the first cut for everyone to review. These will then be sent to the Deans by July 15, and this process should be finished by the middle of August.

Missy pointed out this is not the usual procedure and hoped this would not cause problems down the road. Reid explained the fees will be put in fund code 10 and earmarked as tuition income, thus allowing it to be tread as a variance from the normal procedure. Deans were aware these fees would be treated differently and
felt this process would be more effective in assessing what students want. It was pointed out that the Deans and Senate ISAT Committee are advisory; however, the President has the final say. Missy also pointed out that next year there may be larger requests and ongoing requests, requiring a different process and the students that are on the committee this year may not be on the committee next year.

Reid will share this information with the vice presidents. As many students as possible should be involved in this process. Any student can make a recommendation to the college Deans. To get the message out, Reid will write an article explaining the fee, potential usage, and how to make proposals. Pseudo e-mail will be set up for responses. This information should be included in the school newspaper and in an GW broadcast.

Reid reported the budget is $5.6 million short.

He discussed the Napster issue and the committee agreed not to permit availability of Napster or similar products because of potential lawsuits and the fact that 130 other universities have also banned Napster.

Reid reported on the network, outlining the advantages of Georgia State being a member of SURA, along with 12 other universities.

He discussed the concerns regarding the survey Bill Paraska sent on "Performance Tuning of Georgia State University Network." In the future, surveys of these kinds will not be sent without the Senate ISAT's review.

**Election of Chairs:** Bill Evans was nominated and voted in as chair of the University Information Systems and Technology Committee and Scott Owen was nominated for the chair of the Technology Subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled May 25, 3:00 p.m., room 718.