Senate Information Systems and Technology Committee
June 22, 2000
3:00 p.m.
718 General Classroom

Present: Evelyn Babey, Al Baumstark, Laura Burtle, Reid Christenberry, Kelly Davis, Bill Evans, Marty Grace, Al McWilliams, Valerie Miller, Scott Owen, Ted Poister, Shirley Tastad

Also Present: Andrea Georgalis, representing Randy DeKler on the ITS Subcommittee, and Robert Shuford, College Administrative Office, Law, Dean's Office, Bill Paraska, Director, UCCS, and Carolyn Gard, Director, UETS


Minutes: The May minutes will be corrected to show Missy Cody as present. With this correction, the May minutes were approved as distributed.

Technology Fee Subcommittee Report: Proposals for use of technology fees are on website http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwstf/desc/. It is estimated there will be $4 million available, and there are $9.5 million requested. The next step is to review these proposals. It does not seem feasible to take these to the 48-member Technology Fee Committee made up of faculty, students, and other units for review and consensus. A preliminary screening by a smaller group is suggested to do an evaluation of the proposals. The Deans have prioritized those for the colleges. The other proposals have not been prioritized. The criteria used would be consistent with the original proposal for use of these fees, quality of the need, and number of students impacted. ACTION: Scott will write up suggested set of criteria. The following people have agreed to serve on a subcommittee to review these proposals: Faye Borthick, Laura Burtle, Reid Christenberry, Missy Cody, William Evans, Valerie Miller, Scott Owen, Shirley Tastad, Patrick Wiseman.

Subcommittee for Review of IT Needs: The first meeting of this committee lasted 1-1/2 hours. Two others are scheduled on June 29 and 30 to provide an arena for IS&T department heads to respond to questions the subcommittee has. The committee looked at their charge, and discussed ways of generating revenue.

Updates from the Associate Provost for IS&T:
The Regents IT Master Plan has been adopted. The research universities were not pleased with the results of the Arthur Anderson's report regarding the Regents IT Master Plan. However, the contract with them had a very limited scope as the RFP was primarily focused on PeachNet and the Central Office systems. A quantitative template for the University System's use was developed during this process. Georgia State University will use this in developing its newer IT master plan, as updating should be done every three years. Copies will be shared with this committee.

A recent PriceWaterhouse audit showed the need for a university IT security plan. This is a complicated procedure, and will go to the ITS Subcommittee for their buy-in. UCCS has hired a security manager, Tammy Clark. She is to be thought of as a university resource. She plans to get input from several areas, as security policies will be put in place that will impact the university. The Provost provided funding for security tools that will be implemented soon.
There are three excellent candidates being interviewed for the UIS director position.

Questions were raised about the Alpharetta Campus. There were some projector problems because a chip was missing, and some people were denied access to the network, and sometimes the network had been slow. Plans are to replace a switch within the month, which will help the network speed. A lab and classroom server is also in the works. Jane Leonard is the manager at the Alpharetta Campus.

Bill Paraska discussed GroupWise archiving. Disk space has been identified and currently he is awaiting a backup system and policy of how to handle space for this. Both e-mail and posting will go with assigned departments.

Carolyn Gard reported WebCT and Campus servers are being upgraded. UETS received $595,000 for converting CS203 into a teaching lab and installing instructor workstations in every room in General Classroom Building. She will redefine the scope of her request in the Student Fee Proposal that covered these issues.

Next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., July 20 in 718 General Classroom.

Meeting Adjourned.