Senate Information and Systems Technology Committee Meeting
January 17, 2002
3:00 p.m.
718 GCB

Present: Murray Brown, Laura Burtle, Missy Cody, Bill Evans, Steve Harmon, Randy Jones, Valerie Miller, Scott Owen, Joe Rau, and Nevin Valev

Also Present: Mary Jane Casto, Bill Paraska, and Thomas Hall, representing Stephen Rehberg

Minutes: The November 15, 2001, minutes were approved as distributed.

Reports:

Teaching and Learning with Technology Subcommittee
TLTC and CTL are reviewing resources other campuses have; such as videoconferencing more robust than GSAMS, use of PDAs, use of smart boards, and similar technologies. They are also looking at energizing the Brown Bag Lunch program, as these meetings are attracting few faculty. Discussion included dynamic advertising, more robust topics, and scheduling sessions within the academic units. Also mentioned was the fact that not all faculty uses GroupWise and other sending methods might be necessary. Missy asked the committee to send suggestions on how to encourage Brown Bag Lunch program attendance to Harry Dangel at spehld@langate.gsu.edu or to Missy Cody at mcody@gsu.edu. WebISPT report indicated several themes are emerging from their discussions: 1) integrating interactions with students is a priority, 2) learning to do rather than “doing for” is a priority for support units, 3) academic units need to supply basic support, and 4) support units need to supply advanced skills in addition to basic support.

Information Technology Support Subcommittee
Thomas Hall, representing Stephen Rehberg, gave the ITSS report. Stephen Rehberg is the new chair of this committee. In their November 29 meeting they discussed WindowsXP and ZenWorks issues. Copies of XP were distributed to the ITSS and Net/Sig groups for evaluation, and Thomas found it to be faster than the current product. Bill Paraska said UCCS’ investigation showed that there is nothing compelling to move to XP right away, and UCCS’ recommendation is not to deploy this until Service Pack 1 is released. By then, many of the problems with XP will be worked out. The Help Center is already receiving calls from people who had purchased new machines with XP installed, and are having problems. Bill said that UCCS staff would support their requests as much as their expertise is capable of doing until they are trained in the XP product.

Information Technology Security Subcommittee
Randy Jones was elected the chair of this subcommittee and will be serving on the ISAT committee. The membership of this committee is separated into two working groups; one working with IT security policies with plans to incorporate these into one document, which will superecede all other security policies. The other group is creating a response document for incident reports, and when complete, this will be brought to the ISAT committee for review. Internet Security Scanner (ISS) will be discussed at the February 14 meeting. Bill Paraska thanked Randy for giving leadership to this committee.

Student Technology Fee Process
Bill Evans reported on this process. By February 14, the Deans are to nominate students to serve on the
Student Technology Fee Subcommittee. Dr. Henry will review the nominee list. Tech Fee proposals are due March 4; however, these proposals should be reviewed for any network involvement or changing of facilities by February 4. There is a need to be more proactive in encouraging those with proposals to review them with the proper people before the March 4 date. Current plans call for the Student Technology Fee Subcommittee to offer its recommendations by the end of April (i.e., before the end of spring semester classes).

Panther Use Survey
Mary Jane Casto discussed the draft survey distributed to committee members through the listserv earlier in the month. Suggestions included 1) a forward to explain why they were invited to respond to the survey, 2) to use wording other than “native” client shown in the first 4) to add “Anonymous FTP” and “Email—not sure” listed under number two on the first page. Mary Jane reported the students have already migrated to NIMS. Everyone agreed it would be good to have data gleaned from this document to support any decision that is made. Mary Jane will rework the document and put on a web site for people to review. She reiterated that in October 2001 there were 535 unique users of Panther.

General Faculty/Community Meeting
Bill Evans asked if ISAT members generally attended this meeting as it is scheduled at the same date/time of the March 21 ISAT Committee meeting. A proposal of what to do about the March ISAT Committee meeting will be brought to the February meeting.

Discussion not on the Agenda
Laura Burtle asked about lab servers and problems with erratic logins to which Bill Paraska replied replacement parts had been requested. Steve Harmon asked about budget for AV equipment for the Aderhold classrooms. Purportedly, Edgar Torbert said a full complement of AV equipment, including PCs, has been funded. Bill Paraska will check with Mark Jones about the funding.

Bill Paraska is looking into the dial-in modem bank that allows access to the network to see if costs can be reduced by recommending acceptable alternate services via outsourcing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Next meeting is 3:00 p.m., February 21, 718 General Classroom.