Present: Laura Burtle, Mary Jane Casto, Conrad Ciccotello, Martin Fraser, Stephen Harmon, James Jones, Scott Owen

Also Present: Carolyn Gard and Bill Paraska

Minutes: Marty Fraser reviewed the minutes and explained that the italics in the discussion about the size of ISAT membership represented his revision of the minutes as sent to him. He said the number of faculty serving on the Student Tech Fee Committee (STFC) and the number of faculty serving on the Senate ISAT Committee did not agree, and he requested that the number be modified to read 26, the current number of faculty on the committee. The June 26, 2003, Senate ISAT minutes were approved as revised and distributed.

Concern was expressed about having Senate ISAT nominees’ names available (that are willing to serve) to offer at the August Senate meeting. Laura said the nominating committee will have a list of people to nominate from the floor. Having a definite number of faculty to serve, might raise proportional representation concerns. Scott Owen feels a larger number of faculty should be elected to ensure sufficient attendance.

Marty reminded the members that even though the STF funding will roll over until the end of FY 2006 (on June 30, 2006), individual awards will not roll over.

University Information Systems Use Policies (UISU): Members discussed this policy and its attachments. They reviewed the Information Systems Ethics Policy, the Student Computer Access Policy, and the Email Broadcast Policy, and reiterated some of the Policy Statements appear to be preambles or something other than Policy Statements. As an example, the ethics policy statement could be rewritten to state . . . shall be made available only for appropriate purposes and to protect personal privacy and university owners. Bill Paraska will rewrite the policy statements, put the revisions on a web site, and notify members to review and send comments and get a consensus. Once approved, the UISU Policy can be forwarded to the Administrative Council for approval. He will also add a clause to the Wireless Access Policy that will grandfather in older campus wireless access.

Georgia State’s Desktop Support Matrix: The matrix, as distributed, showed that Georgia State’s IT recommended software support ends approximately six months after Microsoft software support. On its software products, Microsoft offers free support to a point and after that point, support is offered for a short while with an associated cost.

Articles were previously written in Focus-IT about ceasing of support for Windows 95 and 98, and IS&T is in the campus socialization process of ceasing support. James Jones reported he has no Windows 95 in his college, unless they are in faculty homes. The responses he has received from other areas shows very few have Windows 95. Most people are either in Windows 2000 or are working toward XP. He proffered that everyone should plan for obsolesce.

Scott said he felt both Microsoft and Windows are generous with their support levels, and Marty said he thought IS&T ought to use the same support dates as Microsoft uses. Referring to the matrix, Scott said some of the hardware standards are too high and some are too low.
Several agreed that since Microsoft is consolidating into one operating system, it would simplify matters and would be economically better if Georgia State University IT had only one operating system.

Mary Jane will revise the matrix and will distribute for review and comments.

James Jones asked that ITSS have the opportunity to look at the most current Netware client prior to its deployment, and wondered about the training issues. He also asked if the built-in NMAS client is ready for production. Mary Jane will ask Bill Paraska for a response.

**Long-term Oversight Subcommittee:** This topic was raised in the June 26 meeting and was put on this agenda for further consideration. Marty feels a stable, long-term oversight group that would stay on top of IT changes and innovations and gather information from IT experts and provide ISAT assessment and advice is a good idea. He suggested that Scott take the lead in starting the subcommittee; identify knowledgeable people from various areas on campus who will know about PeopleSoft, Novell, Banner, GroupWise, content management for teachers, open source initiatives, and will be interested in discovering the future of these systems and their impact on administration, teaching and research. Mary Jane, Marty, and Scott will develop a charge for the group. A virtual group, listserv, and chat room will promote communication with least disruption of work. Once established, this subcommittee will elect its chair, who will serve on the Senate ISAT Committee.

Marty will send a request for names of candidates to serve on the subcommittee and forward them to Scott. Experts from EDUCAUSE and other entities will be invited in to speak to them. Scott reported that *Business Week* named the top 100 IT firms, and University of Phoenix was named #17 because it targeted working adults who have chosen to get their degrees on line. He also stated they make a profit of $5,000 per student.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.