Senate Information Systems and Technology Committee  
August 28, 2003  
1:30 p.m.  
718 General Classroom

Present: Tim Bartness, Murray Brown, Laura Burtle, Mary Jane Casto, David Cheshier, Carolyn Codamo, Hector Fernandez, Nancy Floyd, Martin Fraser, Stephen Harmon, Susan Laury, John K. Lee, Steve Manson, Cherise Peters, Robert Thompson, Susan Walcott, and Richard Welke

Also Present: Carolyn Gard, Scott Owen, Bill Paraska, and Mian Rashid Sajjad

Election of Chair: Marty Fraser convened the meeting and said the first order of business was electing a chair for ISAT. Marty was immediately nominated and the nomination was seconded, no other names were presented, question called, and he was elected by acclamation.

Minutes of July 17, 2003: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Marty explained to the newer members that this committee meets regularly throughout the year.

Georgia State’s Desktop Support Matrix: The August 27 updated matrix was distributed for review. The paper describes Georgia State’s perimeter of support for desktop operating systems and provides local hardware recommendations to achieve acceptable desktop performance in the Georgia State environment. It was pointed out that Apple has no timeframe for support of Mac OS 10.x and Mac OS 9.x. Hector said Apple has a Beta GroupWise client running for Mac OS 10. Richard asked about support of servers on campus, especially NT servers, and Marty asked if there is a need for a support matrix for servers, as well. Mary Jane explained IS&T’s involvement would primarily revolve around security matters, and she would look into the matter of a matrix for servers. Motion was made to approve the matrix as distributed, seconded, and motion passed.

Local and Visiting IT Experts (LVITE) Subcommittee: In the past two ISAT committee meetings there was discussion of a need for an ongoing group that is vitally interested in IT trends for industry, research, administration, and instruction and whose membership would have some expertise in these areas. In response to this, a charge was drafted and presented to the ISAT Committee for review. There was discussion about the name—should it be a subcommittee or advisory committee. Carolyn Codamo asked if this subcommittee could be called upon to share its expertise when departments are purchasing expensive hardware and/or software in conjunction with IS&T’s advisement. Carolyn pointed out that UETS’s expertise is also available for advisement on labs and classrooms.

The following changes were made in the draft. Second paragraph, under CHARGE, 2nd sentence changed to read: The LVITE subcommittee will draft short white papers (anywhere from a paragraph to a page or two) for distribution to the Senate Committee on IS&T and the GSU community so that they can be aware of and take advantage of the trends. Third sentence change is highlighted: As a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on IS&T, periodic reports with recommendations will be made at committee meetings.

Under MEMBERSHIP, 3rd sentence is deleted and replaced with: It is recommended the chair of the Senate ISAT Committee appoint the chair and that the chair will serve on the ISAT Committee.

Who is deemed an expert? Scott said people with a broad base awareness of trends that affect IT. Steve
Harmon wanted to see some fresh faces on the committee. There will be experts attending that may be vendors or representatives from organizations representing technology issues in higher education.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the paper as revised. Motion passed.

**Wireless Access Policy:** This has been discussed in past meetings. A transition time is needed for some colleges to migrate their wireless connection to comply with the policy. Bill Paraska, director of UCCS, discussed with James Jones, chair, a date for compliance for those groups “grandfathered” in and also discussed ways for facilitating compliance. Funding and resources were to be considered in the subcommittee’s recommendation. The group suggested the date of June 30, 2004, Mary Jane reported. College of Ed was one of the first to install wireless, said Steve Harmon and he is concerned about the costs to his college to make this change. James Jones will be advised of the College of Ed’s expressed concern to ensure all factors were considered and that the suggested date will cause no hardship for any department.

**Membership of ISAT Committee:** Marty described to the newer members the membership of the ISAT Committee and the duties, membership, processes and time commitment of the STF Subcommittee. He asked if there was anyone that felt they could not commit the needed time to serve on the STF Subcommittee.

In discussing the STF Subcommittee and pre-proposals and proposals, it was agreed that pre-proposals and proposals should not deviate from one another, and this should be communicated to all parties.

Copies of the STF forms will be shared prior to the September 25 ISAT meeting and this will be added to the agenda for discussion.

ISAT Members previously serving on STF Subcommittee commended former subcommittees for their non-partisan decisions on which proposals merited consideration.

**Future ISAT Meeting Dates:** A list of dates was distributed.

**Next Meeting Date:** The fourth Thursday, 1:30 p.m. on September 25, will be the date and time of the next ISAT Committee meeting. The meeting will be in 315 Alumni Hall as Classroom 718 is not available.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.