

ACPB Minutes:

November 3, 1998

Present: Lembke, Roberts, Jacobel and Robinson

Approval of minutes from the October 6th meeting with a change in the date of the next meeting.

Business

- Fall computing requests have come in and the dollar amount requested appears to be up significantly.
- There are still some potential Y2K compatibility problems on older machines around campus. Decisions are being made as to how to effectively address this situation.
- There was a discussion of ACPB policy statements concerning using the St. Olaf Computing facilities to generate income. There was a discussion of Banners and 3rd party advertisements with regard to using home pages to generate income. We discussed Finstadt Center grants with relation to this issue. It was recommended that the webmaster write a statement concerning advertising and banners on personal home pages. In addition, we recommend that students applying for Finstadt Center grants include as part of their proposal off-campus network connections which will give them a more realistic entrepreneurial experience. It was decided to leave the statement in the policies ambiguous and the statement from the "Summary" will be placed into the official statements.
- We began addressing the issue of software and courseware development with regard to copyright.
- There was discussion on the subject of passwords. Currently passwords must change every 6 months. The question was raised as to whether there was any way to switch all passwords (unix, novell, and administration) at once. It was explained that each system is proprietary and this is not currently feasible or necessarily desirable.
- Austin Robinson-Coolidge has resigned effective November 24th. This will require a new hire for someone to handle system management. The salary rate which we can offer is below market and so we will need to find someone who is eager to work in this environment at this College.
- Janet will be teaching a course in the art department over interim.
- Roberta reported on the Educom Conference.

The next meeting will be November 10th.

Agenda items:

- Copyright issues with regard to software and courseware development.
- Misc.