

Minutes of the meeting 15 March 2004

Present: Lembke, McKelvey, Peters, Reed **Guest:** David Schodt (CILA)

Minutes

- Minutes of the meeting of 8 March 2004 were approved.

Announcements

- “Viruses, viruses...oh—and viruses!”
 - Viruses have been rife on student computers recently. In some cases, the anti-virus programs on student PCs identified by IIT as infected are either non-activated or expired. Often, these PCs had multiple infections.
 - Bit torrent especially has been a problem for the campus system.
 - Some students have had their PCs disconnected from the network repeatedly because of viruses and, raising issues of privacy, have been uncooperative with IIT staff who have set up shop to clean all infected PCs. IIT’s procedure in response to this recent onslaught of viruses, however, is to focus exclusively on cleaning the PCs. An infected PC takes 2-5 hours to clean; IIT staff have worked extra hours, including last Saturday. A number of students have been pleased to have assistance in cleaning up their PCs.
 - IIT has decided to purchase the license for student use of Norton anti-virus software. Unfortunately, even this protection cannot catch “Blaster,” which spreads through the network and not through email. Students also need to keep their operating systems patched and up-to-date.

Discussion & Preparation of Instructional Technology Survey of Faculty for 2004

- IIT surveyed the faculty on the use of instructional technology in 1996 and 2001. Because of the pace of change in this area, it makes sense to survey faculty now rather than wait out a five-year interval. Members began the process of preparing a set of appropriate questions for the current year, assisted by David Schodt, CILA Director.
- General discussion of the survey addressed the following issues:
 - how to balance the need for respondents’ anonymity with the need for sufficiently refined data;
 - the desirability of splitting questions on technology use in teaching from questions on technology use in research;
 - the best way to make available to campus individuals and offices aggregate data from the survey to support identification and publicizing of IIT training services, faculty development, and grant applications.
- The Board will continue its work on this survey at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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ACPB Chair, 2003-04