

Academic Computing Policy Board

Meeting of September 16, 2002

Present: Bjorklund, Lembke, McKelvey, Peters

Role & Responsibilities of ACPB

- Roberta reviewed the role and responsibilities of ACPB, the faculty advisory board of IIT, with reference to a revised draft of the description found in the Faculty Manual. The proposed revisions reflect the reorganization of ACC as IIT and bring Faculty Manual language in line with actual ACPB practice. That is, ACPB no longer advises the IIT Director on personnel matters and no longer reviews and approves recommendations for the purchase of major new computer systems.
- In decisions regarding the distribution of resources for all-campus computing, the IIT Director consults both the dean and the Treasurer. ACPB does, however, review the budget framework each year.
- Plans for a policy board with members from the administration, parallel to the ACPB, are under discussion.
- ACPB unanimously approved the revised draft, which will now be forwarded to RPC for consideration.

Overview of IIT Major Projects for 2001-02 and 2002-03

- Roberta oriented ACPB members by highlighting major IIT projects completed during 2001-02 and identifying projects for 2002-03. Of special note:
 - Adding another T-1 line (current total of 4) has produced dramatic results: there is now a clear rolling pattern of use rather than a pattern of spikes.
 - The Netware server upgrade over the summer has been rocky. The ability to access Web-based servers from off-campus sites remains a goal. The effort to balance load on the campus servers has been successful. Automatic course directories have been generated for each course.
 - SAN (Storage Area Network) is both successful and efficient and provides built-in redundancy for the system.
 - Roberta reviewed plans for the IIT space.
 - A new policy this year: As soon as a virus-laden computer on campus is identified, IIT will remove it from the network until it has been cleared.

IIT Budget Summary

- Roberta summarized the budget outlook for 2002-03 (not including salary figures. She'll bring a budget summary to ACPB every 2-3 months.
- Maintenance remains the largest expense in the operating budget. In response to budget reductions, IIT adopted this strategy: buy slightly fewer computers with capital budget funds, but include longer maintenance contracts in the purchase price.
- Licensing figures are based on estimates; these fees have been steadily increasing.
- While Media Services is not self-sufficient, it must generate \$18,000/year in revenue.

Page Limits for Student Printing

- Roberta presented a draft policy statement on this issue. IIT must now place a limit on the number of free laser-printed pages on residential and public lab printers. The point is not to shift the burden of printing costs, but to reduce printing expenses. The student Senate has been asking IIT for the last year to address the issue of unrestrained printing.
- The proposal allows each student free printing for the first 400 pages/year. After that, the student can buy an additional block of 400 pages for \$30.00.
- Roberta estimated that about 60% of all institutions nationally charge somehow for printing. Some assess a fee per page, with no free printing or with a cap to free printing (e.g., Bethel allows 500 free pages). Others offer "free" printing but assess a technical fee of \$180/year/student (e.g., Gustavus).
- ACBP suggested that additional pages for purchase be available in smaller blocks-perhaps in increments of 100 or 200.
- Roberta will bring a revised policy statement back to ACPB.
- This policy statement will then be sent to departments to alert them to possible changes in student practice. The new policy will probably have an impact on Department lab printers.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dolores Peters
 ACPB Chair, 2002-03