SIUC Computing Advisory Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes of 18 November 2002


Don Olson, reporting for IT, responded to Bob Baer's concern about the usage of the Internet2 bandwidth. He indicated that normally the University was funding a 20Meg connection to the Internet and a 45Meg connection to Internet2. However, this year, because of the demands on the regular internet connection, IT had diverted 15Meg of the Internet2 bandwidth availability to deal with the increased demand of regular internet access. Thus, this year there is 35 Meg connection to the Internet and 30Meg connection to Internet2. There is the possibility of purchasing additional bandwidth through the Illinois Century Network (ICN), but it is expensive ($3,000 per month for 10 Meg). Susan Logue asked about the DS12 and DS3 lines into and out of the University; Don indicated that there were both lines from SIU to Chicago, but we did not control the access to the Internet after the lines leave SIU.

James Duggan reported for Don Olson and the members of the Undergraduate Technology Fee Committee. The Committee was currently meeting and considering over 26 requests (totaling over $2Million) for approximately $800,000 in funds. The committee hoped to have final decisions made by Thanksgiving. Don Olson indicated that the Committee needed to consult Vice Chancellor Koropchak and the Graduate Technology Fee Committee to insure there were no overlaps in funding.

Jerry Richards presented the "Final" Security Report (sent out earlier via the CAC listserv) and spoke about the effect the Security Subcommittee's proposals and recommendations would have on users (especially students and faculty). He suggested that if the report was approved it probably should be sent on to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Administration. The CAC should also look into forming a formal security group to help finalize and implement the policies and guidelines that are included (and to be included) in the report. The Committee was somewhat reluctant to approve the report since many of the proposed policies and guidelines to be included were not yet written. Jerry responded that the subcommittee was looking for approval of the report (and not necessarily the policies/guidelines, which may change over time, anyway). One member of the committee indicated that she had not yet received the report, and other committee members wanted the chance to obtain constituent reactions. The committee decided to defer action on the report until the December meeting. Jerry promised to add a statement to the report indicating that the appendices (including the guidelines and policies) were likely to change over time, and to separate out the report from the appendices for committee approval.

Further discussion centered around whether the committee needed to address bandwidth limitations as a part of the security report, or as a separate issue. The general conclusion was that although a statement about bandwidth needed to remain in the security report, the committee should look at other possible bandwidth limit initiatives.

James Duggan reminded the committee that his term as a member (and chair) of the CAC was up in December, 2002, and that the committee would need to elect a new chair at either the December or January 2003 meeting.

The next meeting was set for Monday, December 16, 2002, from 900am-1000am in Morris Library's American Heritage Room (306).

Please let me know if there are any changes/corrections.

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