SIUC Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes of 10 April 2001

Those present: Ruth Bernhardt, James Duggan (recorder), James Fry, Andrew Lumpe, Jim Belt (representing Don Olson, ex-officio), Don Rice, Kerry Sandberg, Larry Schilling, Richard Steffen, Kelly Thomas, Chih-Fang Wang.

Jim Belt (reporting for Don Olson)stated that the efforts to obtain a site license for the University campus from Microsoft were "coming along well". Jim also suggested that the Undergraduate Student Technology Fee Distribution committee needed to be formed soon to start the process for requesting and funding student technology projects. James Fry asked why the new student web server was hosting staff and faculty pages, especially if it was paid for with student technology fees. Jim Belt responded that the decision had been made to host faculty and staff pages since space was available and administrative monies had also been spent on the web server. Jim indicated that he would check about the actual cost break-down of the web server. Jim passed out brochures about the new Academic Technology Center (a partnership between IT and Library Affairs). The brochure provides details on the variety of offered services, including computer support, web programming, and distance learning.

James Duggan reported that 1) The Student Technology Fee Distribution Subcommittee was currently being formed, and would have representatives from Student Affairs, IT, at least four students. James indicated that he had asked Geoff Nathan to also serve on the committee (to provide some continuity from last year's committee); 2) that Margaret Winters had revised her thinking on a possible academic computing committee and had asked James to discuss with the CAC the possibility of naming a academic subcommittee (that would report to the CAC). The committee would consist of 5 members of the CAC and no more than 3 faculty members outside the CAC. Three possibilities were mentioned (but whose names are to be kept confidential until they are asked). Larry Schilling reminded the committee that we are a constituent group, and that these types of committees should have members who represent the various constituencies). The CAC currently has one subcommittee, the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee, that has constituent-based CAC members, and members nominated by the various college Deans. James Duggan asked for volunteers for the Academic Computing Subcommittee; Don Rice and Kelly Thomas responded.

The discussion then turned to campus portals (specifically an article distributed to the CAC, that had been forwarded by Margaret Winters). Although there was some confusion about the exact definition of portals, it was suggested that a portal is a way to market the University to current and potential students, faculty/ staff and alumni by providing links and other access points to internal and external internet sites. Andrew Lumpe suggested (with committee consensus) that the portal idea would be appropriate for referral to the long range (strategic planning) committee.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 8:30 am in the American Heritage Room (305) of Morris Library.

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