

SIUC Computing Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of 4 March 2002

Those present: Ruth Bernhardt, Michelle Cunningham, James Duggan (recorder), JP Dunn, Susan Logue, Don Olson (ex-officio), Chih-Fang Wang.

James Duggan announced that because of the low turnout of CAC members, voting to approve the new Long Range (5 Year) SIU Carbondale Technology plan would be postponed until the next meeting (scheduled for Monday, April 1, at 3:00pm).

Don Olson reported that a flood caused by leaking pipes on Thursday, 28 February, dumped from 4-6 inches of water in the sub-basement of Wham. Personnel worked all day with shop vacs to clean the affected areas, which included much of the IT office computer equipment. Don also reported that the Undergraduate Student Computer Fee Committee was looking at possibly funding more computers requests as computer prices had fallen since requests were submitted in September 2001.

Don introduced Jerry Looft, IT's security person and author of "SIUC Security White Paper" (distributed to CAC members via this listserv). A short discussion followed. Chief among the concerns raised were matters outside of IT control: LAN password security (some department lan's allow faculty and staff use the same password as their login names) and access to some departmental pc devices from outside users. A question about how long student kerberos id's stayed active within the system once the student left SIU was answered (the id is generally cancelled during the next semester, usually within 6 weeks of separation; retired faculty/staff id's can continue if IT receives a specific request to do so). Another member suggested that users should change their kerberos passwords on a regular basis as well. Don responded that IT was exploring a Windows-based kerberos id system, that would make changing the kerberos id's easier. Jerry explained the process for assigning new student kerberos id's on campus.

Don encourages individual department LAN administrators to take advantage of the LAN Admin listserv and occasional meetings offered throughout the year. A small subcommittee of the LAN Administrator group will be formed to look at these security issues (JP Dunn volunteered to serve with this subcommittee).

The next meeting was set for Monday, April 1, 2002, from 3:00pm - 4:00pm in Morris Library's American Heritage Room (306).

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