

SIUC Computing Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 25, 2003
American Heritage Room, Morris Library

In attendance: Bob Baer, Ruth Bernhardt, David Carlson, Howard Carter, Provost John Dunn, Stephanie Graves (secretary), James LeBeau, Alice Noble-Allgire, Don Olson, Karen Prichard, Don Rice, Amy Sileven, Kelly Thomas, Chih-Fang Wang, Lichang Wang

David Carlson opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. He distributed an agenda and thanked everyone for his or her participation in the committee. There were no corrections to the December minutes and they stand approved. Each member of the committee introduced his or herself and the constituency they represented. A list of members is also available on the CAC website. Any corrections of the website or member list should be sent to David Carlson.

David Carlson felt this meeting was an opportune time to review the priorities and scope of the committee as he is coming to the committee as a new chair, the Provost is fairly new and unfamiliar with the committee, and it is the beginning of a new calendar year. Provost Dunn was invited to the meeting so that he might become familiar with the committee and its work.

Provost Dunn spoke about his experience with computing during his tenure at Oregon State University and University of Utah. He cited examples of both good and bad computing arrangements. Outsourcing arrangements, leasing agreements, and the sharing of technical staff were all discussed as ways to maximize computing services. He inquired as to SIUs computer leasing and purchase arrangements. Don Olson gave a brief overview of SIUs contract with Dell. According to comparisons with similar universities, SIU gets very competitive pricing through Dell. Additionally, the larger the order, the more money the university saves with the contract. Provost Dunn suggested SIUC needed to ask the following questions in regard to our computing environment. What are the things that SIUC computing does well? What are the problems? What are the resources or lack of resources?

The committee then discussed proposed agenda topics for coming meetings. Among the possibilities listed were:

- ITs Long Range Plan: Update
- Computer Use Policy: Status and Review
- Edge Filters (spam and virus filters)
- University Email Systems
- Directories Implementation (e.g., LDAP)
- Copyright Infringement Process and Policy
- Internet2 Statues and Implementation
- Network Access Issues
- Dialup Access
- Workstation Purchase Agreements (Dell Contract)
- Student Technology Fee Process
- Tech Support Personnel

The committee discussed, in brief, the validity of these topics for further discussion. Considerable time was spent discussing firewalls, spam protection and edge filters. Don Olson has the Information Technology staff looking into various type of protection for the campus. He will discuss this issue with the committee at a later date. The committee also discussed the progress of wireless service. Don Olson has pooled money with various departments to install wireless networks in some buildings (COBA and Law School). Amy Sileven was concerned that many graduate assistants do not have access to computing because their offices are not wired. Wiring in some buildings can be quite expensive. IT hopes to alleviate some of these issues with wireless networks as funds become available. A universal university calendaring systems and email system were suggested topics. Additionally, the committee wished to discuss the number of computing support staff and their distribution amongst the colleges.

David Carlson suggested the bulletin board on the CAC website be removed. The last posting was 11/29/00. If the bulletin board is removed, Amy Sileven recommended the website maintain an avenue for distributing information to

the campus community. Dean Carlson suggested an FAQ site, possibly maintained by IT.

The next meeting will be March 25, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the American Heritage Room of Morris Library. The focus of the meeting will be a review of the Computer Use Policy.

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