Annual Report of the University Computer Committee

I. DATE: April 14, 1978
    TO: Faculty Senate
    FROM: James M. Joyce, Chairman
           University Computer Committee

II. Membership of the Committee
     Ex-officio: Chancellor – Leo W. Jenkins
                  Vice-Chancellor for Administration and Planning– Robert L.
                  Holt
                  Chairman of the Faculty – Henry C. Ferrell, Jr.
                  Director of Institutional Development – Charles Q. Brown
                  Director of Computing Center – Richard Lennon
     Byron Coulter, Secretary, Physics
     John Crammer, Mathematics
     Mike Hallman, Student Member, Physics
     James Hix, Chemistry
     Jerry Hunt, Business
     F. Milam Johnson, Mathematics
     James M. Joyce, Chairman, Physics
     Robert C. Morrison, Chemistry
     James Wirth, Mathematics
     Marty Zusman, Sociology and Anthropology

III. Meetings of the Committee

Meetings of the Committee	Members Absent
May 23, 1977	(1976-77 Committee)
August 22, 1977	Morrison, Hix, Zusman, Wirth, Brown, Lennon, Student
August 25, 1977	Student, Brown, Lennon
September 14, 1977	Student, Brown
September 28, 1977	Wirth
October 12, 1977	Zusman, Brown
November 9, 1977	Brown
December 7, 1977	Hunt, Brown
January 18, 1978	Brown
February 8, 1978	-
March 1, 1978	Morrison, Wirth, Hallman, Brown, Lennon

     Neither Chancellor Jenkins nor Vice-Chancellor Holt attended any
meetings. Dr. Ferrell, Chairman of the Faculty, attended the meetings
on October 12, January 18, and February 8. Dr. Lao, Vice Chairperson
of the Faculty attended the meetings on September 14 and November 9.

IV. Dates of Reports to the Faculty Senate
     November 15, 1977
     January 24, 1978

V. Questions Discussed by the Committee During the Year

1. It was announced in late summer that there would be no increased funding for the Computing Center during the Fiscal Year, 1977-78. Dr. Joyce consulted with Vice-Chancellor Howell and reported on the fiscal situation.

2. A proposal from Burroughs Corporation to upgrade our computer system within our present budget was received. After much study the Committee (the UCC) recommended that this proposal be accepted. State purchasing refused to sole-source the procurement. It was then decided to go out on open bids. The committee helped draft the specifications and confirmed that faculty interest was represented in the process. Award of a contract will probably not take place until after Spring semester.

3. The UCC recommended to the Committee on Committees that the Curriculum Committee forward all course or curriculum proposals that require central computer resources to the UCC for its consideration. A resolution of the Committee on Committees and the Faculty Senate requiring the UCC to advise the Curriculum Committee on new courses requiring central computer facilities was vetoed by Chancellor Jenkins.

4. A questionnaire soliciting information for the Faculty Expertise Directory has been sent to all faculty. This directory will be used by User Services and faculty members to find expertise in various specific computer-related areas.

5. The UCC recommended a Code of Ethics for computer users to Mr. Lennon.

6. The question of better communication between faculty making computer assignments and User Services was discussed.

7. The UCC discussed "game-playing" on the computer and recommended that nonclass-related game-playing on the computer during the last three weeks of a semester be considered a violation of the Code of Ethics.

8. The subject of controlled computer growth was discussed and referred to the Planning Subcommittee.

9. A number of routine procurement requests and other matters were considered and recommendations made.

VI. Policy Recommendations Made by Committee

1. The UCC recommended to the Computer Policy Committee that the Burroughs Upgrade Proposal be accepted.

2. After the inability to sole-source the computer upgrade the UCC recommended an open bid procurement document.

3. The UCC recommended a Code of Ethics for computer users to Mr. Lennon.

4. The UCC recommended to the Committee on Committees that the Curriculum Committee forward all course or curriculum proposals that require central computer resources to the UCC for its consideration.

VII. Response to the Committee's Recommendations by Appropriate Agencies

1. The Computer Policy Committee pursued the Burroughs Upgrade Proposal.

2. The Computer Policy Committee is pursuing open-bid procurement.

3. Mr. Lennon has accepted the Code of Ethics.

4. The Committee on Committees sent a similar resolution to the Faculty Senate and thence to the Chancellor where it was vetoed.

NOTE: The recommendation in last year's annual report to the Computer Policy Committee concerning admendments to Computer Policy Numbers One and Two has been accepted by the Computer Policy Committee.

VIII. Committee's Evaluation of:

1. Its structure: satisfactory.

2. Its duties: The committee has carried out its duties satisfactorily.

3. Its functioning: satisfactory.

4. Its personnel: satisfactory.