

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY COMPUTER COMMITTEE

I. DATE: April 16, 1979
TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: University Computer Committee

II. Membership of the Committee

Ex-officio: Chancellor Brewer
Dr. Holt, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Planning
Ione Ryan, Vice Chairman of the Faculty
Director of Institutional Development - Charles Q. Brown
Director of the Computing Center - Richard Lennon

Byron Coulter, Physics, Secretary	1979
James Hix, Chemistry	1979
John Crammer, Mathematics	1979
Marty Zusman, Sociology & Anthropology	1980
Jerry Hunt, Business	1980
James Wirth, Mathematics, Chairperson	1980
Richard Kerns, Business	1981
Charles O'Rear, Biology	1981
Ralph Scott, Library Services	1981

Student: Jimmy Hooper

III. Committee Meetings (dates and members absent)

September 11, 1978	(Zusman, Brown)
October 12, 1978	(O'Rear, Scott, Hunt)
October 26, 1978	(Kerns, Hooper)
November 9, 1978	(Brown, Hix, Zusman, Hunt, Hooper)
December 14, 1978	(O'Rear, Scott, Hunt, Brown, Hooper)
January 23, 1979	(Coulter, Hunt, Kerns, Hooper, Brown)
February 6, 1979	(Scott, Hunt, Hooper)
February 20, 1979	(Hix, Scott, Zusman, Brown, Hooper)
March 20, 1979	(Hooper)

IV. Date of Reports to the Faculty Senate During the Year

December 12, 1978 (Agenda Item 5E: need for additional keypunches)

V. Specific Instructions, if any, Given to the Committee by the Faculty Senate

None

VI. Committee Organization, Subcommittees, Research Activities, etc.

A. Committee Organization

1. Chairman: James F. Wirth
2. Secretary: Byron Coulter
3. Director of Computer Center: Richard Lennon

B. Cost Accounting Subcommittee

1. Charge: Assuming that a cost accounting system may come to be used to allocate university computer resources, determine what provisions of such a system would be most responsive to academic needs.

2. Chairman: Byron Coulter

3. Members: Richard Lennon, Robert Bolonde, John Crammer

C. Data Communications Planning Subcommittee (Held jointly with a Computer Users Advisory Committee subcommittee)

1. Charge: To study campus data communications needs and recommend to the Computing Center a plan for allocation of B6800 data communications ports.

2. Chairman: James F. Wirth

3. Secretary: Charles O'Rear

D. University Computer Committee Members: Byron Coulter, James Hix, Richard Lennon

E. Computer Users Advisory Committee: Mel Swanson, Ken Wilson, James Wirth

VII. List of Committee Accomplishments Including Recommendations Made to Agencies Other than the Faculty Senate

- A. Consideration of and approval for equipment requests for the following schools and departments: Business Education (1), Chemistry (4), Computing Center (3), English (1), Family Practice (1), Health Affairs Library (1), Joyner Library (2), Library Science (2), Mathematics (1), Physics (1), Political Science (1), School of Art (1), School of Business (2), Area Health Education Center (1), Epidemiology (1); for a total of 23 requests.
- B. A study was made of the keypunch situation in response to complaints made by faculty, and the committee determined that at least one additional keypunch was needed. This keypunch has been acquired.
- C. A clarification of the Committee Review Bypass Provisions as regards the purchase of computer terminals was made so as to insure that all such requests affecting the central computer would receive full committee consideration.
- D. The Committee recommended to the Director of the Computing Center that the games library be made available only to instructional related user codes upon request of the concerned faculty member.
- E. The Committee requested and received a clarification from the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs in regard to the use being made of University Computer Committee equipment request approvals.
- F. The temporal extent of University Computer Committee equipment request approvals was clarified so as not to extend beyond three years or the end of the next biennium.

G. Several faculty complaints (misunderstandings) and comments were brought to the attention of the Director of the Computing Center and were thereafter disposed of to the satisfaction of the Committee members.

VIII. Citation of the Resolution Numbers of Senate Resolutions that Originated With the Committee

(78-47) See Faculty Senate Minutes for December 12, 1978.

IX. Proposals and/or Business to be Carried Over to Next Year

The Cost Accounting and the Data Communications Planning subcommittees have not reported yet, and will probably continue working into the summer and next year.

X. Evaluation of the Committee

A. Structure

The structure of the Committee has been adequate. The inclusion of the Director of the Computing Center has been crucial in clearing up misunderstandings and in keeping the Committee members currently informed.

B. Duties

The duty of the Committee to review equipment requests has considerably overlapped the work of the Computer Users Advisory Committee. The process of screening these requests twice through essentially the same procedure seems redundant.

C. Functions

The Committee's functioning was satisfactory.

D. Personnel

The Committee's personnel was satisfactory.

XI. Suggestions for Improving the Effectiveness of the Committee

None

Signed: Chairperson

James Wirth

Secretary

Byron I. Wirth