

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY COMPUTER COMMITTEE

I. DATE: June 3, 1982
TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: G. Richard Athey, Chair

II. Membership

Ex officio: Chancellor Thomas Brewer/Acting Chancellor John Howell
Vice Chancellor Maier (represented by Keats Sparrow)
Vice Chancellor Lemish/Acting Director Doug Moore
Tom Johnson, Chair of the Faculty

Richard Athey, Medicine	1982
Byron Coulter, Physics	1982
Edwin Griffith, Political Science	1983
James Hix, Chemistry	1982
J.J. Joyce, Physics	1984
Richard Kerns, Business	1984
Grant Somes, Allied Health	1983
John Warren, English	1984
Jim Wirth, Mathematics	1983

Rick Newell, Student (President of ACM Student Chapter)

III. Committee meetings (members absent)

September 17, 1981	Hix, Brewer, Lemish, Maier, Johnson
October 20, 1981	Hix, Brewer, Lemish, Sparrow, Crowe, Johnson
November 17, 1981	Brewer, Lemish, Johnson
December 15, 1981	Hix, Brewer
February 2, 1982	Hix, Howell, Moore, Johnson, Newell
February 12, 1982	Howell, Johnson, Moore
March 4, 1982	Wirth, Warren, Sparrow, Howell, Moore
April 6, 1982	Howell, Moore, Johnson

IV. Reports to the Faculty Senate

None

V. Instructions from the Faculty Senate

None

VI. Committee organization, subcommittees, activities

The University Computer Committee functions as a body to make recommendations concerning academic computing to (1) the Faculty Senate, (2) Office of Information and Computing Systems, (3) the Information Systems Advisory Committee.

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On November 17, 1981, the Chair divided the committee into three sub-committees to develop Phase II Planning Recommendations for Academic Computing for the next five years, in the areas of (1) hardware needs, (2) software needs, (3) development of an administrative Office of Academic Computing within CIS.

VII. Committee accomplishments and recommendations outside the Faculty Senate

Numerous Hazeltine 1500 terminals were approved for purchase and placement around the campus and in a new terminal room in Austin. These terminals, purchased at a greatly discounted price through the efforts of Dr. Crowe, greatly increased student and faculty access to the Burroughs computer.

As a result of the Phase II Planning Recommendations for Academic Computing presented to the ISAC by the Chair on March 12, 1982, the following proposals were passed by ISAC to be implemented immediately:

- (1) creation of an Office of Academic Computing to be headed by an Associate Director of CIS for Academic Computing. This position is to be an EPA position with academic rank. Dr. Robert Maier, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs made the commitment to fill this position with the next available new academic appointment.
- (2) The next available new position within CIS will be for an additional person in the Office of Academic Computing.
- (3) All new positions with CIS will be given consideration for priority for staffing of the Office of Academic Computing.
- (4) Additional recommendations made by the UCC as submitted to ISAC in the Phase II Planning Recommendations will be worked into the change budgets for the next biennium, as well as budgets over the next five years.

VIII. Senate Resolutions originating with the Committee

None

IX. Business to be carried over to next year

Phase II Planning recommendations must be worked into the CIS change budget requests for the next biennium. Procedures and guidelines need to be worked out for the Office of Academic Computing.

Plans must begin for replacement of the Burroughs computer sometime in the next biennium.

X. Committee Evaluation

- A. Structure - the structure of the committee is adequate and functional.
- B. Duties - duties will evolve to include advising the Director of Academic Computing concerning student and faculty needs and setting further policies regarding Academic Computing.
- C. Functions - the committee needs increased student and faculty input concerning academic needs to better advise the OAC, ISAC, and CIS as well as to better recommend academic policy to those groups.
- D. Personnel - the committee is representative of most of the University community who make use of computer facilities. Student input into the committee has improved since a member of the student chapter of ACM has been appointed to the committee, and it is recommended that this student representative continue.

XI. Suggestions for improving committee effectiveness:

None

G. Richard Athey
Chair