

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY COMPUTER COMMITTEE

I. DATE: July 6, 1983
TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Richard L. Kerns, Chair

II. Membership:

Ex officio: Chancellor John Howell
Vice Chancellor Volpe (represented by Keats Sparrow)
Acting Vice Chancellor Doug Moore
Caroline Ayers, Chair of the Faculty

Richard Athey, Medicine 1985
Edwin Griffith, Pol. Sci. 1983
Otto Henry, Music 1985
James Hix, Chemistry 1985
James Joyce, Physics 1984
Richard Kerns, Decision Sciences 1984
Grant Somes, Allied Health 1983
James Wirth, Mathematics 1983
John Warren, English 1984

Carole Wilson, Student

III. Committee meetings (members absent):

September 21, 1982	Howell, Moore, Ayers, Hix
October 21	Howell, Moore, Ayers, Henry, Hix
February 1, 1983	Howell, Moore, Ayers, Henry
March 15	Howell, Moore, Ayers, Athey, Henry Wilson
April 26	Howell, Moore, Ayers, Henry, Warren, Wilson

IV. Reports to Faculty Senate:

None

V. Instructions from Faculty Senate:

None

VI. Committee organization, subcommittees, activities:

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

On October 11, 1982, the Chair formed the Computer Resource Control Subcommittee to investigate the means and policies for allocating scarce central computer resources.

VII. Committee accomplishments and recommendations outside the Faculty

Senate:

The Computer Resource Control Subcommittee worked with CIS to begin the software development and implementation necessary to provide accounting data for B6800 computer use so that the committee can intelligently discuss the allocation of resources.

The question of approved grants allocating sufficient funds to compensate CIS for support services was raised. A recommendation to Grants and Projects was made to provide CIS a list of those grants containing funds for computer support which CIS could use when assigning account codes.

VIII. Senate resolutions originating with the committee:

None

IX. Business to be carried over to next year:

Assuming the change budget contains money for academic computing, the committee will be involved in decisions of how to use this money.

Continuing work on computer resource control must be done.

Ideas such as requiring students to acquire computers will be explored.

X. Committee evaluation:

A. Structure - the structure of the committee is adequate and functional.

B. Duties - duties are not always certain in the light of two other computer committees within the School of Medicine which seem to overlap to some extent.

C. Functions - the committee is frequently asked to undertake planning activity which is better suited to an administrative unit. The expansion in CIS personnel for academic computing may alleviate some of this problem.

D. Personnel - With two resignations at the end of the academic year, the committee is left with only three current members who regularly attend meetings. New members should be willing to serve in a meaningful way. There are gaps in the committee members' familiarity in the computer needs of various parts of the University. The lack of a representation of the largest user of University central computer resources, Mathematics, for the next year is seen as a great deficiency.

XI. Suggestions for improving committee effectiveness:

None