

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY COMPUTER COMMITTEE

I. DATE: May 8, 1984
TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: James M. Joyce, Chair

II. Membership:

Ex officio: Vice Chancellor Volpe (represented by Susan McDaniel)
Vice Chancellor Lanier (represented by Douglas Wilms as
of March 9, 1984)
Student (Carole Wilson)
Director of CIS Wester (represented by Don Dunlap until
February 15, 1984)
Chair of the Faculty Jim Smith

Otto Henry, Music	1985
James Hix, Chemistry	1985
Jim Joyce, Physics	1984
Richard Kerns, Business	1984
Jim Wirth, Mathematics	1985
Robert Dough, Science Education	1986
Jean Huryn, Soc., Anth., & Econ.	1986
Kathleen Kolasa, Home Economics	1986
Michael McLeod, Business	1984

III. Committee meetings (members absent):

September 27, 1983	Lanier, Wilson, Wirth, Henry
November 1, 1983	Lanier, Wilson, Henry
December 6, 1983	McDaniel, Lanier, Wilson, Smith, Kolasa, Henry
February 15, 1984	Lanier, Wilson, Kolasa, Wirth, Henry
February 29, 1984	McDaniel, Lanier, Wilson, Smith, Dough, Kolasa, Henry
March 28, 1984	Wilson, Smith, Hix, Kolasa, Henry

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.

In December, the Chair appointed a subcommittee for academic computer planning charged with short and long-range planning.

VII. Committee accomplishments and recommendations:

The FCC and its Planning Subcommittee advised CIS on the expenditure of the approximately \$50,000 of change budget support for academic computing. These funds went for the purchase of two time-sharing micro systems for an Austin lab, two personal computer systems for Academic Computing (CIS), and approximately 20 terminals.

The FCC advised the Search Committee for CIS Director and participated in interviews of the top candidates. Joyce served on this search committee.

The FCC welcomed Jim Yucha in the newly created position, Manager of Academic Computing, and invited him to participate at FCC meetings.

The FCC recommended to CIS that available space in the Speight Building be set up as a faculty user room.

In addition to the recommendation of equipment above, the FCC's other major equipment approval was the reequipment of the School of Business micro lab with IBM-compatible personal computers.

VIII. Senate resolutions originating with the committee:

None

IX. Business to be carried over to next year:

Academic computer planning must continue.

X. Committee evaluation:

- A. Structure - the structure of the committee is adequate and functional.
- B. Duties - the duties of the committee are clear and adequate.
- C. Functions - the creation of an unit in CIS for academic computing has and should continue to alleviate the need for purely administrative work by the committee.
- D. Personnel - the personnel of the committee are generally adequate. There is, however, a spread in the members' computer knowledge and familiarity with the computing situation on campus. It is suggested that a handbook of committee procedures be developed. An orientation program for new members would also be most helpful. One member of the committee missed every meeting.

XI. Suggestions for improving committee effectiveness:

See X.D.