

Academic Computer Users Committee
Minutes from Thursday, February 5th, 2004
ELC 405

1. **Attendance:** Julie Simon (HHS and Chair), Glen Pryor (Associate VP), Jeff Barnes (BUS and Vice Chair), Ben Sowards (PVA), Zachary Stevenson (PVA), Mikhail Bouniaev (SCI), Travis Rudd (SCI-student), Chin Hu (HSS), Jerry Bowler (EDUC), Idir Azouz (SCI), Scott Young (PVA-student), Paul Shakespear (HSS), John Eye (LIB), David Ward (AST), Genell Harris (EDUC), Brianne Millett (HSS), Diane Delamare (HSS), Shawn Christiansen (proxy for Matt Schmidt (AST)).

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2. **Not Attending:** Jessica Ulrich (HSS-student), Pete Heilgeist (ACUTE), Julia Romanovich (BUS-student), Dave Tufte (BUS), Paul Husselbee (HSS), Tony Pelligrini (Cont ED), , Devin Esplin (EDUC-student), Shantelle Cochran (AST-student)

3. New Student members were introduced.

4. **Survey Results/Recommendations.** Glen discussed with the Library the possibility of expanding hours to 6 AM to midnight. The student concerns were as follows.

- a) Wireless access for notebooks computers. While it will be campus wide eventually, the timetable depends on demand.
- b) Students want departmental software in open labs. Jeff suggested that we use float existing licenses in the open labs. Glen said that would not be possible.
- c) A small percentage of students are dissatisfied with printing allotment. It may not be worth making the student body carry the burden for the few that far exceed their paper.
- d) Additional lab hours. A couple 24 hour labs have averaged 10 students are so. Julie asked if it were possible to make computers available to students at discount rates. Glen said yes but it would have to be a grassroots effort on the part of the students and he suggested the students consider this option.
- e) Students wanted faculty to put more course material online as well as a centralized place to find activities etc.

Scott suggested that perhaps all the worrying wasn't necessary because the survey shows that the vast majority of students were satisfied and spending more money would only serve a few. Julie responded that perhaps most students are not embracing cutting-edge technology; she said maybe the numbers are misleading only early adapters of technology realize what they are missing. This comment started a discussion about the question of if students or faculty are best qualified to judge what an acceptable level of technology needs to be. Jeff said that we need to assess where we are along with where we need to be and document the gap because students "lacked IT sophistication for their information environment."

5. Jeff proposed and Ben seconded a motion to create a subcommittee to formulate a template for quantifying the gap between where we are and should be relating to technology on this campus from a faculty point of view. The motion passed 18 to 1.

Julie asked for volunteers and the sub-committee was chartered to include Jeff, Ben, Chin, & Paul S.

6. Travis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

