

**Academic Computer Users Committee**  
**Minutes from Thursday, December 4, 2003**  
ELC 405

1. **Attendance:** Julie Simon (HHS and Chair), Glen Pryor (Associate VP), Ben Sowards (PVA), Zachary Stevenson (PVA), Dave Tufte (BUS), Mikhail Bouniaev (SCI), Idir Azouz (SCI), Travis Rudd (SCI-student), Julia Romanovich (BUS-student), Chin Hu (HSS), Shantelle Cochran (AST-student), Jerry Bowler (EDUC), Genell Harris (EDUC), John Eye (LIB), Paul Husselbee (HSS), David Ward (AST),
2. **Not Attending:** Jessica Ulrich (HSS-student), Pete Heilgeist (ACUTE)
3. **Excused:** Jeff Barnes (BUS and Vice Chair), Ean Harker (CONT ED, proxy for Tony Pelligrini), Matt Schmidt (AST), Jerry Bowler (EDUC), Devin Esplin (EDUC-student), Scott Young (PVA-student),
4. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M. Mikhail moved to approve the November 2003 minutes and Julia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
5. Henry Brimmer from the Graphic Design (GD) Program was introduced. He explained the programs need for approximately \$10,000 to buy a package of fonts to be used by students and that unlike software fonts do not need to be upgraded. Up until last year the lab had enough fonts; however no one knew exactly where they had come from. He proposed that if the ACUC could not offer any money for the fonts that perhaps they could make a loan to the GD program to be paid back with lab fees over the next few years.

Glen agreed to need for new fonts but said that traditionally the Dept Heads and Deans have been the ones to allocate funds for such a purchase; the ACUC has never funded the purchase of software to be used in Student Labs. Henry then asked for the group's creative input come up with a solution for his problem. Ben (who also uses the lab in CN 219) asked if anyone could think of any parallels to this issue elsewhere on campus. The resulting discussion generated three possible solutions.

First, Glen suggested that there might be some funds for surplus sales in departmental accounts, funds that in reality belong to the ACUC. Second, David suggested that the acquisition of fonts may most closely be compared to the purchase of desks, chairs etc. Glen pointed out that funds of this nature come from Capital Funds for refurbishment. Finally, Paul recalled that a few years back the University Journal had obtained a low interest loan from the Alumni Association in order to upgrade their technology.
6. Ben motioned that Glen go forward and research these and other options and report back to the Committee. Zach seconded the motioned that was passed unanimously by the Committee.
7. **Glen's Report on the Student Survey.** Although participation in the online survey has been good, we would like to get up to 50% of students to respond. We are also currently collecting policies from other institutions that govern wireless technology. Glen offered that he would soon have firm quotes on the prices to update the labs scheduled for new technology on the existing 4-5 year plan.
8. Julie suggested that the next meeting be scheduled at for January 15, 2004 at 4:00 P.M. in ELC 405.
  7. Ben motioned to adjourn, seconded by David and approved by the unanimous Committee. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

