

**Academic Computer Users Committee (ACUC)**  
**Minutes from Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**  
**Yankee Meadows Room, R. Haze Hunter Conference Center**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Glen Pryor, Greg Colf, Scott Hansen, Ean Harker, Peggy Wittwer, Genell Harris, Chin Hu, Zak Stevenson, Alan Pearson, Hussein Samha, Pete Heilgeist, John Eye, Jerry Johnson, Missy Smith, Ryan Jay Steineckert, Brittany Shakespear, Julie Simon

**EXCUSED:**

Jeff Barnes, David Tufte, Paul Husselbee, and Dave Richardson.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The election of the president of ACUC will be postponed to the next meeting (Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004)

Vice president: Genell Harris (EDUC)

Secretary: Chin Hu (HSS)

**REPORTS**

**1. USB**

Glen reported that floppy disk and zip drive have been removed from part of the computers on campus. Instead, CDRW (CD/DVD combo drive) and USB key board (flash drive or memory keys) have been installed in these computers. The reason being:

- (1) Floppy disk and zip drive are not reliable; It takes time repair damaged disks and to replace them
- (2) Major computer manufactory companies such as Dell have dropped floppy drive /zip drive from new computers.
- (3) USB is affordable, provides more storage room, and runs faster.
- (4) USB is mobile and compatible with most notebook computers.

Hussein asked about offering trainings to students about these changes on campus.

Glen said that there have been announcements on the webpage and more plans will be developing in the next few days.

Hussein asked to add USB feature to classroom for instructional purposes.

Glen said that can be done through putting extension cable from the back of the computer and this will be done by students this week.

John commented that we need to remind students about the server storage on F drive, which is another practical way to storage files.

**2. WIRELESS ON CAMPUS**

Genell asked about the status of wireless in library.

Glen said that most buildings on campus have wireless access and campus will become fully wireless soon.

Genell asked about the plan to lease students with laptop computers. Glen said that this plan was not materialized except for the new housing unit in which ports/wireless are in place in every floor and every room.

### 3. COMPUTING RESOURCES

Glen reported that our current budget is committed to master plans and to sustain the system in place. Any new projects will have to be driven by enrollment. Old computers were being recycled to labs that required less features.

### 4. Mac LAB

Genell asked about Mac lab.

Glen said the current Mac labs meet the need of students. Some computers are moved to Chemistry and Education. Old computers were sold to faculty, student government, and the state.

### 5. PURPOSE OF ACUC COMMITTEE

Jerry asked about the purpose of ACUC committee.

(1) Glen said to survey students every November to address student need on issues such as specialty software in open labs, lab hours in open labs and in the library (open 24/7 or extended hours at the end of a semester, etc.), and printing problems.

(2) Julie added to make recommendations on technology expansion on campus, on increasing student fees, etc.

### 6. ONGOING PROJECTS

(1) Faculty technology survey on strategic planning on technological need for the professions.

(2) Groupwise is now replaced by Netmail, an email system similar to Yahoo and Hotmail. The main reason behind this change is that the Netmail account will stay with students even after graduation. Alumni development will be able to stay in touch with students after graduation. Students can go to lab to set up a Netmail account.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Julie asked members to bring feedback from students and think about plans for next summer.

(2) Glen asked new members on this committee to review student survey in the past years on provost webpage.