# ACPAC Oct. 22 1998 Meeting

1:30 - 3:00 PM in Eberly Board Room (ECOB 201)

#### Agenda

- 1. Report from Teams
- 2. Scheduling Regular Meeting of ACPAC
- 3. Communication mechanisms for ACPAC, ACOC and TUC
- 4. Software Recommendations
  - 1. Email Client Recommendation\* (Outlook & Netscape See our webpage)
  - 2. Office Productivity Suite\* (Microsoft Office'97)
  - 3. Graphic Package Suite\* (Corel Suite)
  - 4. Web Authoring and Development Suite\* (Front Page )
  - 5. Operating System Upgrade (Windows 98 or Workstation)

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<sup>\* =</sup> Recommended for standardization.



#### **Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

#### Minutes of the Oct. 22 1998 Meeting

The Committee approved endorsing the recommendation made to ACOC with regards to e-mail clients and adopt Outlook and Outlook Express as the e-mail clients, provided that the recently discovered problems with local caching can be resolved. It is important to note that it is necessary to gather information about the availability of adequate computers for faculty to run the recommended software. An adequate computer was defined to be as a minimum the "recommended" configuration given by the software. An inventory will be gathered to determine what percent of the faculty have adequate computers. Individual Colleges and or other units will be free to support other additional clients for e-mail such as Netscape.

The committee members also decided on scheduling monthly meetings. The co-chairs were charged with conducting a survey and establishing the meeting schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Alarcón Co-Chair

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# ACPAC Nov. 23 1998 Meeting

#### 3:15 PM in Eberly Board Room (ECOB 201)

#### Agenda

- 1. Approval of minutes from 22 Oct 98 meeting
- 2. Proposed meeting dates:
  - o 14 Dec 98
  - o 25 Jan 99
  - o 22 Feb 99
  - o 22 Mar 99
  - o 19 Apr 99
- 3. Review meeting with Provost
  - 1. Charge and Mission of ACPAC
  - 2. Membership of ACPAC
- 4. Report from the action teams:
  - 1. Transition Shubra, convener
  - 2. Training Moore, convener
  - 3. Distance Education Donley, convener
  - 4. Student Computing Fowler, substitute convener
  - 5. Vision Butzow, convener
- 5. Old business
  - 1. Laser Printing Cost Recovery project
  - 2. e-mail client adoption status
  - 3. inventory summary
  - 4. VAX/VMS review
- 6. New business:
  - 1. Requirements document from Computer Science
  - 2. Software recommendations
    - 1. Office Productivity Suite
    - 2. Graphic Package Suite
    - 3. WEB Authoring and Development Suite
    - 4. Operating System Upgrade

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#### **Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

#### Minutes of the Nov. 23 1998 Meeting

In attendance: Alarcon, Carter, Eck, Donley, Grieggs, Joseph, Moore, Murthy, Pagnucci, Shubra, Smith, (McFerron)

#### **Proceedings:**

The minutes from the 22 Oct 98 meeting were approved as presented (motion: Carter, second: Joseph)

Meeting dates - it was decided that a 3:30 start makes more sense. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 Dec 98. McFerron was charged with surveying the members to assure that the proposed Monday dates for the Spring semester are best for most ACPAC members.

Charge - the charge from the Provost was discussed. It seems clear that ACPAC can recommend academic technology policy to virtually any group that it feels is appropriate. The written form of the verbal charge from the Provost is provided in the meeting materials.

Membership - There was discussion concerning ACPAC as a representative body. The dissolution of BIC has left some units without representation on ACPAC. There was some discussion about McFerron and the temporary position he holds. The following membership actions were taken:

"The manager position designated for central academic technology support (Director of Academic Technology Services) shall hold a permanent seat on ACPAC." (motion: Pagnucci, second: Smith)

"ACPAC membership shall include one representative from each of the Branch Campuses and at least one of them must be a faculty member." (motion: Donley, second: Shubra)

"ACPAC membership shall include one representative from the Graduate School, one representative from Continuing Education, and one representative from Student Affairs." (motion: Donley, second: Shubra)

#### Reports from the action teams:

Charlie Shubra was elected chair of the Transition team. He presented a written report included in the meeting materials. It was suggested that we need a transition plan that may be part of an overall strategic planning document for academic technology support. There was considerable discussion about the VAX/VMS costs and the expected cost savings when moving away from the VAX hardware platform. A document provided by Sam Puleio and Mark Piwinsky is included in the meeting materials.

Wayne Moore reported from the Training team. The confusion about technology training activities on campus needs to be addressed. This team will create a position paper. The need for training to be considered in a strategic plan was emphasized. A written report is included in the meeting materials.

Ed Donley reported from the Distance Education team. They will meet in December. Ed announced a faculty associate program through the state-wide distance education program. Details are forthcoming.

Francisco has asked Rena Fowler to convene the Student Computing team since Rhonda Luckey is no longer on ACPAC.

No report from the Vision team.

The chair found it necessary to abbreviate the agenda and therefore the e-mail client adoption was considered most worthy of action.

E-mail client - A document was reviewed (included in meeting materials) that suggests that there are serious problems concerning the implementation of the recommended e-mail client (Microsoft Outlook/Outlook Express). The following action was taken:

"ACPAC recommends to the TUC that a system of central student username authentication and home directories be assigned the highest possible priority. Upon the implementation of this system, ACPAC recommends the installation of the standard e-mail client (Microsoft Outlook) in the public labs and on other PCs utilized by multiple users." (motion: Shubra, second: Donley)

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# ACPAC Dec. 14 1998 Meeting

**3:30 - 5:00 PM in Eberly Board Room (ECOB 201)** 

#### Agenda

- 1. Approval of minutes from Nov. 23 meeting
- 2. Proposed meeting dates:
  - o 25 Jan 99
  - o 22 Feb 99
  - o 22 Mar 99
  - o 19 Apr 99
- 3. Chair's Report
  - 1. Correspondence
  - 2. Membership of ACPAC
  - 3. Laser Printing Charge
- 4. Report from the action teams:
  - 1. Transition Shubra, convener
  - 2. Training Moore, convener
  - 3. Distance Education Donley, convener
  - 4. Student Computing Fowler, substitute convener
  - 5. Vision Butzow, convener
- 5. Old business
  - 1. inventory summary
  - 2. VAX/VMS review
  - 3. Requirements document from Computer Science
  - 4. Software recommendations
    - 1. Office Productivity Suite
    - 2. Graphic Package Suite
    - 3. WEB Authoring and Development Suite
    - 4. Operating System Upgrade
- 6. New business:

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#### **Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

#### Minutes of the Dec. 14 1998 Meeting

In attendance: Alarcón, Butzow, Carter, Chapman, Donley, Fowler, Grieggs, Jackson, Joseph, McFerron, Murthy, Palmisano, Pagnucci, Scandrett, Shubra

Excused: Mancuso, Smith

Absent: Ausel, Eck, McPherson, Moore, Shildt, Yost

New appointees: Dandeneau, Luckey

#### **Proceedings:**

The minutes from the 23 Nov 98 meeting were approved as presented (motion: Butzow, second: Donley)

Meeting dates – With minimal disagreement concerning Monday afternoon meetings, the previously announced dates for the Spring semester were adopted: 25 Jan 99, 22 Feb 99, 22 Mar 99, and 19 Apr 99. Meeting times: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM.

#### Chair's report:

- 1. Two letters were sent to the Provost regarding actions from the 23 Nov 98 meeting. The first addressed the membership actions with copies to the Graduate School, Continuing Education, and Student Affairs. The second letter was sent to the Provost in his capacity as the TUC chair and addressed the e-mail client with copies to the AIG chair and the ACOC chair.
- 2. Concerning membership, Rick McFerron was appointed as a member of ACPAC, Rhonda Luckey was appointed as the Student Affairs representative, Claire Dandeneau was appointed as the Graduate School representative and Steve Jackson was appointed to replace Nicholas Karatjas as one of the representatives from Humanities and Social Sciences. Two vacancies remain: Amstrong Campus and Continuing Education.
- 3. Francisco provided a review of the Senate discussion of the Laser Printing Cost Recovery System. There was some discussion regarding the need for this system with general

understanding that the system would help to manage and control excessive laser printing. The details of the implementation were briefly discussed including mention of alternative methods and provisions for graduate students and classroom situations. The following motion was approved:

ACPAC requests the Student Computing Action Team to monitor the Laser Printing Cost Recovery System and report back to ACPAC raising questions and recommending actions. (motion: Butzow, second: McFerron)

#### **Report from the action teams:**

#### **Transition**

Attention was called to the report submitted at the last meeting and a request was made to take action on the document forwarded from the Computer Science Department. The level of support for academic computing, particularly in regard to a migration from the VAX/VMS platform was called into question. It was clearly stated that ESF funds are not sufficient to support a comprehensive academic computing effort.

#### **Training**

No report

#### **Distance Education**

The minutes of the Distance Education action team meeting were distributed and discussed. A "Show and Tell" forum was suggested. This team should contact the IDC to coordinate with them in regard to a similar effort preliminarily scheduled for 17 Mar 99. A motion was passed to accept this report.

#### **Student Computing**

Dr. Fowler will coordinate with Rhonda Luckey in regard to the organization of this action team. This team will monitor the laser printing issue.

#### Vision

A written <u>Vision Statement</u>was distributed and will be published with corrections. After some discussion, it was moved that we table the discussion pending input from the College Technology Councils. Each representative should dessiminate this draft Vision Statement and provide specific feedback to the Vision Action Team prior to the February ACPAC meeting.

#### **Old business:**

#### **Inventory summary**

Two documents were distibuted: Draft Estimate of Faculty Computer Configurations and Workstation Configurations. Corrected versions will be made available from the ACPAC homepage.

#### Agenda items not addressed:

#### **Old business:**

- o VAX/VMS review
- o Requirements document from Computer Science
- Software recommendations

Next meeting: January 25, 1999, 3:30 – 5:00 PM, Eberly Board Room

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# **ACPAC Jan. 25 Meeting**

**3:30 - 5:00 PM in Eberly Board Room (ECOB 201)** 

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Approval of minutes from Dec. 14 meeting
- 2. Chair's Report
  - 1. Membership of ACPAC
  - 2. Laser Printing Charge
- 3. Old business
  - 1. Requirements document from Computer Science
  - 2. Recommended Computers and Inventory Summary
  - 3. Software recommendations
    - 1. Office Productivity Suite
    - 2. Graphic Package Suite
    - 3. WEB Authoring and Development Suite
    - 4. Operating System Upgrades
- 4. Report from the action teams:
  - 1. Transition Shubra, chair
  - 2. Training Moore, chair
  - 3. Distance Education Joseph, chair
  - 4. Student Computing Fowler, substitute convener
  - 5. Vision Butzow, chair
- 5. New business:

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#### 3. Old Business

o Requirements document from Computer Science

A lengthy discussion regarding this document resulted in the following motion being passed:

ACPAC supports the recommendations of the Computer Science Department in regard to recommended hardware and software replacements for the VAX/VMS systems in order to continue to deliver the University Senate approved Computer Science curriculum. (motion: Shubra, second: Jackson)

 An amendment regarding the access to UNIX hardware was briefly discussed and dismissed. As an additional action the ACPAC chair was charged as follows:

The Chair shall investigate budgetary implications of the previous motion. (motion: Shubra, second: Kolb)

• As a summary of the discussion regarding budgetary problems, academic support, the replacement of the VAX and other issues, the following motion was passed:

ACPAC recommends that when the VAX service is discontinued, the University must replace the VAX service with some other acceptable alternative which will enable delivery of the academic curriculum. (motion: McFerron, second: Luckey)

o Recommended Computers and Inventory Summary

# **ACPAC Feb. 22 Meeting**

**3:30 - 5:00 PM in Eberly Board Room (ECOB 201)** 



#### **Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

#### Minutes of the February 22, 1999 Meeting

Approved at 22 March 99 meeting

In attendance: Alarcón, Ausel, Butzow, Carter, Chapman, Dandeneau, Donley, Eck, Fowler, Grieggs, Jackson, Joseph, Kolb, McFerron, Moore, Murthy, Palmisano, Scandrett, Smith.

Excused: Luckey, McPherson, Shubra, Yost.

Absent: Mancuso.

Vacancies: Armstrong Branch, ECOB

#### **Proceedings:**

#### Approval of minutes from Jan. 25 meeting

It was suggested that the motion concerning the VAX service have a wording change from "... academic curriculum" to "...approved curriculum." The minutes were approved as corrected. (motion: Jackson, second: Donley)

#### Chair's report:

The chair suggested that the order of the agenda be changed to reflect the timely nature of the some of the issuer857cenriv agenda order was: Chair's report, Distance Education report, Reports from Action Teams, Niv Businesr85

- Two vacancies remain on the ACPAC membership--Armstrong Branch and ECOB. Fred Sehring and Bob Camp are in the process of appointing representatives.
- o In regard to funding for academic technology, the chair seeks approval from ACPAC to appoint a sub-committee to formulate quertions regarding budgeting, positions, and other support issuer85Francisco recommends the following be appointed to this sub-committee: Alarcón, Butzow, McFerron, Shubra. Some discussion ensued regarding the value of taking a projected budget approach rather than an historic approach857ce following motion

was passed:

The chair of ACPAC shall create a sub-committee to draft an initial set of questions concerning funding and budgetary support that shall be presented to the Provost and his staff. (motion: Carter, second: Donley)

#### **Report from Distance Education Action Team**

The action team proposes a Town Meeting to be held on May 1, 1999 and to be sponsored jointly by ACPAC and the Provost's office. The following motion was passed:

\*\*ACPAC and orses sponsorship of the Distance Education Town Meeting scheduled for May 1.

ACPAC endorses sponsorship of the Distance Education Town Meeting scheduled for May 1, 1999 and organized by the Distance Education Action Team of ACPAC.

On other business, the action team brought forth a series of statements for consideration by ACPAC. The intent of the statements is to encourage a focusing of resources in support of distance education. Some discussion centered around the need to continue to provide an entrepreneurial environment in regard to the support of these new technologies. The idea of supporting a single program may result in a quantum leap for that program, but does not necessarily eliminate the capability for faculty members or programs to seek other support such as grants.

The following are the four statements considered:

- a) IUP should continue to encourage faculty to appropriately use technology and multimedia resources including the internet in the classroom as instructional tools.
- b) Distance education at IUP should concentrate on capitalizing on unique programs.
- c) IUP should immediately embark on a "Needs Assessment" to determine the viability of promoting distance education on campus and prospective niches. This can be approached from all levels, that is university-wide, Colleges or departments. Colleges or departments that wish to do a needs assessment should be given some small funds to implement the study. A university-wide committee should be established to review the needs assessments to determine which one or two warrant a cost analysis. The university will then conduct a cost analysis of these programs and determine which one or two should be fully supported. The university will provide the full resources needed to start up these programs. The program(s) should be able to financially sustain it's self.
- d) The Provost should consolidate all current resources intended for promoting distance education, and use it to support an agreed project. This project can be a test or a pilot study conducted in conjunction with the needs assessment.

Discussion continued regarding the four statements forwarded by the action team. A motion was passed that amended section "d" read:

The Provost should provide sufficient resources to support an agreed project. (motion: Fowler, second: Chapman)

Further discussion regarding the 4 points in the Distance Education Action Team recommendations resulted in the following motion that was defeated by a roll call vote:

*Strike statements "a", "b" and "d" and retain statement "c".* (motion: Kolb, second: Donley)

A friendly amendment was put forth to change the wording in statement "b" from "unique" to "competitive".

Some feedback from the colleges was shared in regard to the purpose and intent of the Vision Statement. Specifically, an e-mail message from Mary Ann Cessna in the College of Education will be forwarded to ACPAC members for their consideration.

Comments suggest the need to publicize and circulate the mission statements and Vision Statement. The observation was made that the beginnings of an academic technology plan may consist of the Vision Statement and the statements from the Student Computing, Transition, and Distance Education action teams.

There was some discussion regarding a change to the Vision Statement to specify the year 2002.

#### **Software Recommendations**

The PC Inventory summary was reviewed. It will be updated as additional data is collected.

Discussion addressed the need to adopt software recommendations for the following classes of software: Office Productivity Suite, Graphic Package Suite, WEB authoring and Development Suite, Operating System Upgrades. Since Office 97 is already the "de facto" standard, there seems to be no need to adopt a different productivity suite.



#### **Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

#### Minutes of the March 22, 1999 Meeting

Approved at the April 19 meeting.

In attendance: Alarcón, Ausel, Butzow, Carter, Chapman, Donley, Eck, Fowler, Grieggs, Jackson, Kolb, McFerron, McPherson, Mohamen, Palmisano, Shubra, Smith.

Excused: Dandeneau, Joseph, Luckey, Mancuso, Moore, Pagnucci, Scandrett.

Absent: Murthy, Yost.

Vacancies: Armstrong Branch.

#### **Proceedings:**

The Chair requested approval of the agenda as posted on the WEB.

#### Approval of minutes from 22 Feb 99 meeting.

The minutes of the February 22, 1999 ACPAC meeting were approved as posted on the WEB. (motion: Butzow, second: Ausel)

#### Chair's report:

#### Membership

The chair will contact Fred Sehring to address the one remaining vacancy on ACPAC (faculty member from Armstrong Campus). The chair welcomed Dr. Ahmed Mohamed from the Management Department as the new representative from ECOB. However, since the faculty representatives from each college should also serve on the college technology council, Dean Camp will have to be contacted to address the fact that Dr. Mohamed is not serving on the ECOB technology council.

#### **Instructional Technology Facilities Task Force**

The chair presented a request from the Technology Committee for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics that recommends the establishment of an Instructional Technology Task Force. The impetus for this request is a long delay in the installation of a video projector in the Chemistry Department. ACPAC agreed with the need to coordinate and facilitate these actions related to technology in the classroom. There was some discussion regarding the function of recommending specific purchases. The recommendations of the NSM Technology Committee were adopted as submitted (motion: Donley, second: Shubra). The key points of this request are:

The Technology Committee of the College of N.S. & M recommends the creation of a university wide Instructional Technology Facilities Task Force (ITFTF) that would be responsible for the coordinated installation of ITE into classrooms.

The responsibilities of the ITFTF would be to coordinate the installation and initial operation of the ITE in classrooms. It isimportant that as IUP increases its use of ITE that these be installed in a coordinated and timely manner. Members of the ITFTF should include: College Technical Support personnel, someone from the Facilities Maintenance Group (Larry Horansky), and the Manager of Media Services & Cable TV (Rich Bush).

Dean Butzow made a suggestion that the ACPAC minutes be communicated to the Provost with a request that they be shared with the Council of Deans. Rick McFerron will do this for approved minutes. As a related issue, the disposition of ACPAC actions was discussed. The chair reviewed the charge from the Provost which is to communicate to appropriate campus units. Where appropriate, the disposition of ACPAC actions will be discussed. Therefore, the previous motion will be communicated to the Provost in writing with the request that he submit it to the Senior Staff.

The issue of communication with the Administrative Division and the Provost's office was raised from the floor. The following motion was passed:

ACPAC requests the Provost assign Mark Piwinsky as a liaison between the Provost's office and ACPAC. (motion: Ausel, second: Alarcón)

Professor Shubra raised the question of the disposition of the approved Computer Science Department proposal. The chair requested that access to the proposal be granted to the Provost and then the ACPAC action will be communicated to the Provost.

#### **ATS Director** Search Committee

The Chair requested that he be permitted to appoint two ACPAC faculty members to the search committee for the ATS director. Request was granted.

#### **Gold Mail Request**

The directive from Sam Puleio recommending suspension of the <u>Gold Mail</u> service on the VAX/VMS system was reviewed and approved. (motion: Butzow, second: Donley)

#### Replacement for Kermit dial-up

The <u>report from the TSC</u> was shared with ACPAC for informational purposes.

#### VAX/SMS bulletin and password expiration notification

Paul Grieggs reports that the TSC is exploring an alternative to the VAX/VMS bulletin and a means to provide password expiration notification to VAX/VMS users who do not logon to the system with a communication program.

#### **Funding Information**

This sub-committee will meet and develop questions.

The chair suggested that meeting dates for next year's meeting should be set at the next meeting. Also, a discussion regarding length of terms on ACPAC may be needed.

#### **Old Business**

#### **Distance Education Show and Tell and Needs Assessment**

Dennis Ausel spoke on behalf of Tony Joseph regarding the need for ACPAC to take an active role as the sponsor of the town meeting. The Distance Education action team brought forth two items for recommendation.

The first item is to name a responsible manager for distance education. In discussion it is clear that Dean Kolb is performing many of these functions. This recommendation is to help clarify the distance education goals of the university. The following motion was carried:

ACPAC recommends the appointment of an administrator to be responsible for the management of distance education campus wide.

The second item from the action team involves funding for the needs assessment that was approved at the last ACPAC meeting. After a friendly amendment to expand the scope to "...departments or programs..." the following motion was passed:

ACPAC recommends that a commitment of \$5000 be requested of the Provost for the "Needs Assessment" as approved. We are prepared to develop the RFP for determining a maximum of five departments or programs for funding. The "Needs Assessment" will determine the viability of promoting distance education on campus and prospective niches. A university-wide committee should be established to review the needs assessments to determine which one or two warrant a cost analysis. The committee will then conduct a cost analysis of these programs and determine which one or two should be fully supported.

Next meeting: April 19, 1999, 3:30 – 5:00 PM, Eberly Board Room

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# ACPAC Apr. 19, 1999 Meeting

**3:30 - 5:00 PM in Eberly Board Room (ECOB 201)** 

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Approval of minutes from Mar. 22 meeting
- 2. Chair's Report
  - o ATS Director Search Committee

Appointed: Dennis Ausel & Francisco Alarcon

o Response from the Provost

\$ 5000.00 request from Distance Education Team

Position Paper from Computer Science

PC standards and new purchase computers

- ATS Organization Problems
- o Terms of Office, Chair(s) for academic year 1999-2000, meetings for AY 99-00 and minutes for April
- o Change in Newsgroups Service
- 3. Old business
  - <u>Updated Inventory</u>
- 4. Report from the action teams:
  - o Transition Shubra, chair
  - o Training Moore, chair
  - o Distance Education Joseph, chair
  - Student Computing Luckey, convener

Draft of LESC proposed General IUP Academic Computing Policy

Student membership in ACPAC

- o Vision Butzow, chair
- 5. New Business
  - Software recommendations

WEB Authoring and Development Suite (direct TSC to conduct study)

**Graphic Package Suite** 

Operating System Upgrades

o Draft

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#### **Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

#### Minutes of the April 19, 1999 Meeting.

In attendance: Alarcón, Ausel, Butzow, Carter, Donley, Eck, Fowler, Grieggs, Jackson, Joseph, Luckey, McFerron, Piwinsky, Rowell (for Moore), Shubra, Smith.

Excused: Mancuso, Murthy, Palmisano, Scandrett.

Absent: Chapman, Dandeneau, Kolb, McPherson, Mohamen, Pagnucci, Yost.

Vacancies: Armstrong Branch.

#### **Proceedings:**

#### Approval of Minutes from March, 22 1999 Meeting.

The minutes of the March 22, 1999 ACPAC meeting were approved as posted on the WEB. (motion: Ausel, second: Alarcón)

#### **Chair's Report:**

The chair welcomed Dr. Mark Piwinsky as a new ACPAC member serving the function of liaison to the Provost's office. The chair also acknowledged Professor Rowell who was representing Wayne Moore in his absence.

#### **ATS Director - Search Committee**

The search committee for the ATS director consists of Dr. John Butzow (chair), Francisco Alarcón and Dennis Ausel (ACPAC representatives), Steve Jackson (APSCUF representative), and Paul Hrabovsky (Student Affairs respresentative). Dr. Butzow reported that the committee expects the ad to be ready by May 1, it must run for a month so the response date will be approximately June 20, interviews should be conducted by July 5, and the expectation is that the position will be filled by August 1. A copy of the ad will be distributed for informational purposes.

#### **Response from the Provost**

The items of interest for action by the Provost are the request of \$5,000 from the Distance Education Team, the status of the position paper from Computer Science, and the reaction to the ACPAC recommendation for PC configurations and the plans for purchase of new computers. The floor was given to Mark Piwinsky.

Dr. Piwinsky reports that the Provost is "not uncomfortable with the [ACPAC] standards." However, just permanent faculty will be considered in the purchase plans. The Provost's office is working with the deans and the colleges by identifying faculty to receive the suggested minimum PC (about \$1000-\$1100) and if a faculty member needs hardware or software above this minimum the college dean should be consulted. About 70 PCs have been purchased with the hope that up to 100 total will be purchased by the end of this fiscal year (June 30) and another 75-100 before the start of Fall 1999.

In regard to the Computer Science paper, Dr. Piwinsky emphasized that the "Academic" VAX is a small portion of the enterprise-wide network referred to as the VAX. This portion is supported with approximately \$31,000 per year in operating funds. It is necessary to analyze the distributed versus centralized needs of departments such as Computer Science and Mathematics. It is possible that services can be provided with some other hardware or with some type of VAX hardware. All current support services will be retained (e.g. WEB, e-mail, student file and directory services) and the demands for these are expanding considerably. It will be necessary to explore the specific needs of the Computer Science Department. Professional Development issues should be addressed through the college dean.

Francisco Alarcón raised the question of whether a transition plan exists and if a group has been charged to develop a plan. Piwinsky responded that there is a plan for the administrative VAX transition and the academic services but not for the programs. BANNER will provide significant gains in functionality with features such as grade keeping, grade submittal, advising reports, and degree audit. These services will be provided via a secured WEB environment. Additional information on these systems and the transition to them will be available in the next few months as work begins on the student module of BANNER. Planning for the academic program software on the VAX will begin in the fall. There is no rush to remove the academic portion of the VAX and the migration planning can proceed at an appropriate pace. Charlie Shubra emphasized the need for a plan.

Dr. Piwinsky reviewed other funds that are distributed to the colleges for computing including approximately \$1.35 million in Educational Services Fee funds. Currently 10% of the Technical Services Fee is dedicated to retiring the \$4 million debt on the fiber backbone. There are ongoing discussions regarding how to increase the portion of the total

asked for the support of ACPAC. The following motion was passed:

ACPAC recommends that the university adopt and fund the license for WebCT as the

draft of the Computing Policy Statement through the Student Computing Action Team for discussion and endorsement by ACPAC. After some discussion and clarification by Steve Jackson, Rhonda Luckey, and Paul Grieggs, ACPAC voted to endorse this policy statement. Grieggs made it clear that past incidents that precipitated this review of policies stemmed from overuse of resources, specifically bandwidth, rather than misuse.

The Student Computing Action Team presented a recommendation that a student from Student Congress and a student from the Graduate Student Assembly be granted full membership to ACPAC. A motion to endorse this recommendation was passed.

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### **ACPAC**

# **June 28, 1999 Meeting**

**3:30 - 5:00 PM in Eberly Board Room (ECOB 201)** 

#### Agenda

- 1. Chair's Report
  - o ATS Director Search
  - Recent communications
  - o ATS Organization Problems
- 2. Old business
  - Web Authoring and Development Suite (direct TSC to conduct study)
  - o Graphic Package Suite
  - o Operating System Upgrades
- 3. Report from the action teams:
  - o Training Moore, Chair
  - o Distance Education Joseph, Chair
  - o Student Computing Luckey, Chair
  - o Vision Butzow, Chair
  - o Transition Shubra, Chair
  - o Report from the Provost's Office Dr. Piwinsky
- 4. New Business
  - o Recommendation from Distance Education Team
  - o Items for action from Student Computing Team
  - Vison Team to become Vision/PR Team
  - o Faculty Computers Replacement Plan

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#### **Old Business:**

# Web Authoring and Development Suite Graphic Package Suite Operating System Upgrades

ACPAC discussed the mechanism by which research on the various software packages should be conducted. It was decided that a sub-committee should be formed to include the following members: Steve Jackson, Paul Greiggs, Brad Smith, Ed Donley. Jackson was asked to convene the group. The sub-committee is charged to create an initial proposal to address the Web Authoring software, the graphic package, and any change to the operating system.

## **Report from the action teams:**

**Training**--Moore, Chair

No report.

### Distance Education--Joseph, Chair

It was reported that Continuing Education has appointed Kay Wijekumar as Director of Distance Education Development. The deans, with the support of Dean Kolb, have suggested funding for distance education proposals from Safety Science, the College of Education and summer courses. Tuition guidelines set by the Board of Governors allow 102% of in-state tuition for distance education courses.

# Student Computing--Luckey, Chair

No report.

Vision--Butzow, Chair

No report.

### Transition--Shubra, Chair

The Transition Team suggested that concerns expressed in the report submitted by the Computer Science Department should be answered. There is a need for a long-range plan specifically addressing issues of changes in computing platforms and environments.

### Report from the Provost's Office--Dr. Piwinsky

### 1. Student Networking

Plans are being developed to implement student NT authentication for the fall semester. The spring semester is being targeted to extend the NT network model to allow a 20MB home directory space for students. Funding is an issue since it may cost as much as \$200,000. The next phase would be to allocate disk space based upon factors such as enrollment in a specific course. A pilot implementation of course-based space may be implemented.

### 2. State system site licensing

It is hoped that the Microsoft Campus Agreement will be in place within the next few weeks. This agreement would allow IUP to make one payment for the use of much of the frequently used Microsoft software including the operating system (various versions of Windows), the Office Suite, Visual Studio, Frontpage and others. The agreement would cover all faculty, staff and institution-owned PCs.

### 3. PC purchase plan for students

The proposals from five vendors are currently being evaluated. The plans are to have this purchase plan in place for the fall semester. Students would be encouraged to buy the IUP specific software and desktop that would be facilitated by providing the vendor with an institutional disk image. It was agreed that an ACPAC sub-committee should be convene to propose the specifics of this desktop. Appointed to this group were Charlie Shubra, Francisco Alarcón, Raj Murthy, and a representative from the TSC appointed by Sam Puleio. Rick McFerron was asked to convene this sub-committee.

#### 4. Bell Atlantic

The possibility of offering high speed digital service to customers in Indiana is being discussed with Bell Atlantic. This service, called ADSL (Ansynchronous Digital Subscriber Line), would be limited to customers within 12,000 feet of the central office. A partnership between IUP and Bell Atlantic may reduce some initial costs to subscribers and allow IUP to feature this service and improve our internet connectivity.

#### 5. Y2K

The CHIEF is gone. The CSO Phone Book will be replaced by the more robust LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) directory service. Approval from ACPAC for this change was requested and granted.

#### 6. Senate announcement/e-mail

To clarify information that was announced at a recent Senate meeting, some IUP users may experience difficulties with VMS Mail due to disk quota problems, but only 4 users have been specifically closed out of e-mail due to administrative or disciplinary actions.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Recommendation from Distance Education Team**

A recommendation from the Distance Education Team was circulated and discussed. This recommendation stressed that IUP is committed to the use of distance education but the resources are limited. Three programs were targeted for support: General Education summer courses, A Certificate program in Safety Science and Teacher's certification.

Discussion suggested that this recommendation was closing out other programs in distance education. There was some concern that the competitive process to identify the appropriate programs to support was not followed. After some discussion the following motion was passed:

ACPAC supports the proposed recommendation by the Distance Education Team.

The need for Phase II in the distance education plan should be discussed.

# **Items for action from Student Computing Team**

# **ACPAC**

# **Workstation Configurations**

For Discussion at 14 Dec 98 Meeting

revised 17 Dec 98

revised according to discussion of 25 Jan 99 meeting

A minimum workstation should be able to run the standard software which includes the Office97, Kermit, and a Graphic Browser (3.0+). The new purchase workstation is the suggested configuration for a purchase at this date.

	Standard PC	New Purchase PC
Processor	Pentium 100	Pentium II/333
Operating System	Windows95	Windows95/98
Memory	32 MB	64 MB
Disk	1.6 GB	4.2 GB
Monitor	14"	17"
Communications	Ethernet card	Ethernet 10/100
CD-ROM	8X	32X
Sound Card	Yes	Yes
Options		Removable back-up media (ZIP,CD,tape)
		Advanced sound card

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based upon input from the College Technology Managers

compiled by J. R. McFerron revised 17 Dec 98

revised according to new minimum configurations set at 25 Jan 99 meeting

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	Sub-standard	Standard	Total	% at Standard
Eberly College of Business	57	20	77	26%
College of Education	35	70	105	67s



# **ACPAC**

# **Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

### **Instructional Technology Facilities Task Force**

The following request for ACPAC consideration comes from the Technology Committee for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

### A Problem-Instructional Technology Equipment Installation

**Solution**-Instructional Technology Facilities Task Force

The use of instructional technology equipment (ITE) at IUP has greatly increased over the past few years, and it is anticipated that this trend will continue. The selection, installation, and training to use ITE requires considerable financial and time commitment by IUP faculty and personnel.. The position paper is concerned with the installation aspect of the creation of technology classrooms at IUP.

The Technology Committee of the College of N.S. & M recommends the creation of a university wide Instructional Technology Facilities Task Force (ITFTF) that would be responsible for the coordinated installation of ITE into classrooms.

This action is being made due to a problem that occurred in the Chemistry Dept. in 1998. The department purchased a video projector and laptop computer for one of their classrooms in the spring of 1998, and made a request to the Facilities Maintenance Group to install this equipment. Unfortunately, this request was not fulfilled and the ITE could not be used during the 1998 fall semester. As of December, 1998 the ITE had not yet been installed for the spring 1999 classes.

The responsibilities of the ITFTF would be to coordinate the installation and initial operation of the ITE in classrooms. It is important that as IUP increases its use of ITE that these be installed in a coordinated and timely manner. Members of the ITFTF should include: College Technical Support personnel, someone from the Facilities Maintenance Group (Larry Horansky), and the Manager of Media Services & Cable TV (Rich Bush).

# Prepared by Francisco Alarcón

From: GROVE::SPULEIO "Sam Puleio"

To: FALARCON, JRMCFERR

CC: PMGRIEGG,MPIWINSK,SPULEIO

Subj: request to ACPAC to remove Gold-Mail from VMS

Gold-Mail is an old menu-based interface to the VMS mail system. Given TUC approval of Outlook Express as the standard e-mail client for the university and the fact that Gold-Mail needs upgraded to a year 2000 compliant version, the TSC requests approval to \_remove\_ the Gold-Mail product from the VMS cluster effective 7/1/99.

Gold-Mail users that do not change to Outlook Express by this date would still be able to use VMS Mail or PMDF Mail.

Please review this request with the committee and reply by no later than 26-MAR-1999. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me. thanks

### B. 357-7700/Kermit

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Dial-up data services will continue to be available at 357-7700. However, the Kermit scripts that automate modem commands and navigation of the data switch prompts must be updated to recognize the prompts from the new equipment. Dialing into the old data switch resulted in some introductory text that ended with the prompt "What service would you like?". Dialing into the upgraded equipment will result in some introductory

<>< DISK\$LIBRARY:[NOTES\$LIBRARY]ISCC
text followed by the prompt "Local>".
ACTION
A. DOV Service =========
The TSC Technical Services group will work with technical support representatives for all current DOV holders to replace the DOV connection with an Ethernet or Serial connection to the fiber optic backbone. If the DOV is in an unwired building, it will have to be replaced with dial-up service over a standard telephone line.
B. 357-7700/Kermit
The TSC created a new distribution of the IUP Kermit package which includes an upgrade to the most recent version of MS Kermit/Kermit95 and updated dial-up scripts that will work with _both_ the old and new dial-up equipment.
C. Timelines ====================================
Following is the proposed implementation timeline:
1. 3/18/99 - 4/2/99: Beta test period for new Kermit packages (TSC, Academic Technology Services (ATS), College Technology Managers (CTM)). The objective of this beta period is to fully test the new version & scripts in preparation for a final release on 4/5/99.
2. 4/5/99: Final version of new Kermit packages available at www.iup.edu/tsc/kermit/ (TSC).
3. 4/5/99 - 5/24/99: Note: These are not sequential steps they are merely items that must be addressed during the 4/5 - 5/24 period.
a. Implement other appropriate distribution mechanisms as required (ex. labs) and upgrade academic machines $(ATS/CTM).**$
b. Maintenance release to update standard administrative model (TSC).**
c. Replace any remaining DOV services (TSC/CTM).
d. 4/12/99 Announce new version via logon bulletin.

e. 5/24/99 Dialup Modems on 357-7700 cutover to Terminal Server.

New Kermit required for automated connections.

\*\*Note: that the replacement the data switch will have no impact on using

Kermit as a Telnet client. Anyone using Kermit for dial-up services must upgrade. Nonetheless, the Kermit package upgrades are recommended in order to obtain to the most recent release of Kermit.

assessments to determine which one or two warrant a cost analysis. The committee will then conduct a cost analysis of these programs and determine which one or two should be fully supported.

These recommendations are to be discussed with Francois for following up with the provost.

Meeting ended at 2.15 p.m.

Prepared by Tony Joseph Converted to html by Francisco Alarcón Proposed Computing Policy

IUP Senate Library and Educational Services Committee April 13, 1999

General IUP Academic Computing Policy

1. Purpose:



software or hardware without authorization. No user of university computing resources may lend, borrow, or use other user IDs and computer accounts that have not been specifically authorized for that person. The attempt to discover other users' IDs and passwords is strictly forbidden.

Legal Issues. The iup.edu computer domain is university property, and all activities within that domain, whether conducted on a university-owned microcomputer, the central university computers, or distributed networks must comply with all relevant federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to all copyright, trademark and patent laws, as well as all relevant university policies and regulations, including but not limited to, the University Policy on Sexual Harassment, the Information Protection Policy, and the Software Policy. No user of university computer resources may make unauthorized copies of licensed software. The use of university computing resources for non-university commercial purposes is allowed only with special permission of the university administration, and only when such usage does not deprive the university community of computing resources.

Privacy Issues. IUP endeavors to maintain the privacy of electronic communications. The unauthorized viewing of electronic mail that is not specifically intended for the reader is strictly forbidden, except as detailed below. Users, however, should be aware that practical considerations limit the ability of the university and computing facilities administration to guarantee the absolute security of electronic mail, and users must treat their electronic communications accordingly with prudence and discretion. In certain cases of misdirected and unreturnable electronic mail, computing administration may view the header contents of an electronic mail file in order to determine and forward it to its proper destination, and for this reason only.

Liability. IUP will make every effort to correct mistakes, and improve conditions and performance of computing resources. IUP cannot, however, be held liable for any losses, including lost revenues, or for any claims or demands against IUP as a result of damages due to loss of output, loss of data, time delay, system performance, software performance, incorrect advice from a computer consultant or staff, or any other damages arising from the use of IUP's computer facilities. Such damages include consequential damages caused by IUP.

Penalties. Violation of state, federal, or local laws will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Violation of university policies or ethics will be dealt with by the appropriate body, whether the judicial board in the case of students, or the college dean in the case of faculty. Computing administration may only suspend computer access pending a hearing on the alleged violation of policy. The Senate shall establish a Computer Hearings Board, composed of members of all university senate segments which shall meet as needed to deal with violations of this policy and to assess appropriate penalties. Such penalties may include temporary suspension of computer access, limitations imposed upon type of computer access, or full termination of access to university computer resources. These penalties are independent of any judicial board or other penalties.

#### 5. Definitions:

Computing Administration: IUP personnel, faculty and staff who are directly responsible for the administration of university computer resources and who are responsible to the Associate Provost for Academic Administration. These include but are not limited to, the directors of academic and administrative computing, college computer assistants, lab directors and assistants.

University Computing Resources: These include resources such as hardware, software, books and manuals and personnel which facilitate the computing mission of IUP, including the iup.edu Internet domain and its associated bandwidth. University computing resources include but are not limited to items owned by the university: computers, micro-computers, networked and Local Area Networks, mainframe clusters, printers, scanners, monitors, modems and Ethernet connections, fiber optic cables for data transmission, disk drives, computer projection devices, computer labs and public areas, university-licensed software and shareware available on the above. The information and data on said computers, however, remains the property of their creators. For faculty this is in conjunction with the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between APSCUF and the State System of Higher Education.

University-Wide Academic Software And Hardware: Software and platforms which are used across the university in teaching and learning such as word processors, spreadsheets, web browsers, and communications software, which are licensed or purchased by the university for the entire university community, including public labs.

# 6. Responsibilities:

Users Have the Following Responsibilities: to use computing resources responsibly and to adhere to the policy, and all related university policies, state and federal laws and regulations.

The University Has the Following Responsibilities: to provide computing resources to the university community within the limits of resources.

Computing Administration Has the Following Responsibilities: to monitor computer resource usage for compliance with this and other related university policies, state and federal laws and regulations. Computer administration also has the responsibility to suspend computing activities which it deems to be in violation of this and other related university policies, state and federal laws and regulations pending a hearing by the Computer Hearings Board.

Academic Computing Advisory Committee Has the Following Responsibilities: to establish a procedure whereby university-wide academic software and hardware is recommended for purchase, license and/or installation in a manner that is both equitable, open and expeditious.

#### 7. Procedures:

Computing administration is primarily responsible for the enforcement of this policy. Preliminary determination of violations may result in temporary suspension of computer access. Termination of student computer access and other penalties will only result after an appropriate Judicial Process hearing.

# **ACPAC Distance Education Action Team**

### Recommendation

It is our understanding from the information presented by the Provost to the members of the Distance Education Action committee that:

- 1. IUP is committed to promote the use of distance education in achieving it's mission, and
- 2. Funds, manpower and resources for engaging in distance education on a large scale are not readily available. However, the current use of existing technology on campus will be encouraged and supported.

As a result, we recommend that the University fully support and immediately concentrate on piloting three Distance Education programs namely:

- a. General education summer courses
- b. A Certificate program in Safety Sciences and
- c. Teachers' certification;

through a team approach involving all related constituents, such as the Financial Controller's Office, the Dean's office, IDC, the Video Conferencing Center, Computing Services, and the School of Continuing Education. The outcomes of each program must be annually review by ACPAC for recommending continued support.