Minutes of the Academic Information Technology Committee
12 April 2005

Present: Greg Anderson (Chair), Larry Hardesty (Library Dean), Deb Schroeder (AVCITI), Ram Valluru

Absent: Joe Benz, Jeanne Butler (Director, CTE), Dustin Kozal (Student Senate), Sri Seshadri, Robert Walden

Since the meeting was informational only, Chair Anderson decided to proceed even though a quorum was not present.

Chair Anderson convened the meeting at 3:52 P.M.

Deb Schroeder reported that Information Technology Services will be involved in the following projects this summer:

1) Campus-wide wireless. Aruba has been chosen as the vendor for a campus-wide wireless network. One feature of the Aruba configuration is a central switch. This central switch allows the wireless network to be managed from a single physical place. It enhances network security and can prevent a rogue access point from interfering with wireless users. Nursing and Distance Education may have funds to deploy wireless in their areas. Some buildings will require major network upgrades (mostly to 100 meg service) before wireless can be installed. The extent of deployment this summer will depend on available funds.

2) New ID card system. This summer UNK will begin migrating to a new ID card system. Everyone will eventually receive a new ID card; an eight digit NU-ID number will replace the social security number. A UNK agreement with Wells Fargo will allow faculty, staff and students to choose either a Wells Fargo check card or an ID card only. Top priority this summer will be to make sure ITS can maintain the meal card and printing functions. Eventually the new cards will operate vending, copying, and laundry machines. In addition, there are plans to equip selected doors in campus buildings with special locks operated with id cards or with an electronic fob (a fob is required because a memory chip cannot be put onto a check card). There will be two “recharge” stations for adding money to a meal plan or printing account. One will be located in the Nebraskan. A decision has not yet been made on the location of the second.
3) Backboard. At this time negotiations are rocky. NU will use Blackboard for next year; other vendors may be considered for a future contract.

Schroeder also reported: The TAC is reviewing existing expenditures, plus 37 or 38 new proposals. Decisions will probably have been made by the time of the last Faculty Senate meeting. A proposal to raise the student technology fee from $6 to $8 per credit hour is going forward to the Board of Regents, who are expected to approve it at their April meeting.

There being nothing else to report, Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Anderson
Chair and Secretary