Minutes of the Academic Information Technology Committee
28 September 2004

Present: Greg Anderson (Chair), Joe Benz, Larry Hardesty (Library Dean), Nanette Hogg, Dustin Kozal (Student Senate), Sri Seshadri, Deb Schroeder (AVCIT), Robert Walden

Absent: Vijay Agrawal

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

The Chair asked the members to introduce themselves to Larry Hardesty, Library Dean, who was attending his first meeting.

There being no corrections or additions, the Chair declared the minutes of the 9/2 meeting approved as written.

Agenda Items

* Faculty response to the six initiatives in the University of Nebraska at Kearney Information Technology Strategic Plan. Copy appended.

Schroeder asked members to comment on the six initiatives in the University of Nebraska at Kearney Information Technology Strategic Plan, dated May 2001. A lengthy discussion followed. At the conclusion of the discussion, Schroeder thanked the members for their valuable input. Schroeder is compiling information from a number of sources for the TAC. She will provide the Committee with a copy of her report, and it will be appended to the minutes of a future meeting.

* Faculty survey.

Schroeder asked the members if they were willing to help create a web-based faculty survey on the use of information technology for the TAC. They were. With the Committee’s concurrence, the Chair scheduled a meeting for 10/7 to begin creating the survey. Schroeder said she would provide members with the link to the draft student survey and copies of the B&T Faculty/Staff Survey of Computer Technology Usage, conducted by Don Carpenter several years previous.
Non Agend Items

Schroeder reported that there have been some serious issues with Blackboard. The server has not been stable, and the Announcement Module had to be shut off. A UN committee is meeting to discuss Blackboard issues. The committee will be looking at alternatives, but UN is contracted with Blackboard through next year.

There being no other Committee business, Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:52.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Anderson
Chair and Secretary