Minutes of the Academic Information Technology Committee
1 November 2004

Present: Vijay Agrawal, Greg Anderson (Chair), Joe Benz, Nanette Hogg, Dustin Kozal (Student Senate), Sri Seshadri, Deb Schroeder (AVCIT)

Absent: Larry Hardesty (Library Dean), Robert Walde

Guest: Bill Wozniak

Chair Anderson convened the meeting at 4:10 P.M.

Anderson informed the Committee that Scott Darveau, co-author of the Resolution, and Larry Kuskie, Chair of the Faculty Senate Welfare Committee, were unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda

* TAC Survey

No members had comments on or corrections to the revised draft of the Survey.

* Faculty Senate Resolution on Information Technology

Wozniak talked about the Resolution and answered questions.

As a result of the discussion the Committee agreed that in addition to addressing the items listed in the Resolution, the Committee ought to consider issues raised by Initiative 1 of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Information Technology Strategic Plan, and, if appropriate, suggest ways to address those issues. One issue the Committee saw raised by Initiative 1 is communication and cooperation between Information Technology Services and the Colleges’ Technology Consultants (second Action Priority).

Initiative 1 reads:

INITIATIVE 1: UNK will continuously evaluate its organization and capability to plan, evaluate, and manage information, computing, and telecommunication resources comprehensively and cost effectively. We must continue to improve top-level planning and coordination. We must ensure that resource allocation processes and operational activities serve this plan (and its successors). We must, in short, be able to discern and evaluate outcomes in light of the unifying institutional goals and priorities established in this document (and its successors).
Suggested Action Priorities:

* It is recommended that UNK continue a campus-wide discussion to investigate strategies for addressing the crucial issue of information technology support. (Technology Advisory Committee).

* It is recommended that all individuals who provide information technology service to any UNK unit be organized to ensure maximum utilization of expertise (Technology Advisory Committee).

* It is recommended that UNK develop an assessment plan to evaluate systematically the impact of information technology investments (Technology Advisory Committee).

The members felt that a joint meeting with the Faculty Senate Welfare Committee was desirable before proceeding further. Anderson will discuss a joint meeting with Larry Kuskie—hopefully to be held before Thanksgiving Break—and report back to the Committee.

The Committee thanked Wozniak for his participation.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Anderson
Chair and Secretary