

Library, Media, Academic Computing Committee Minutes September 11, 1998

Present: Bartanen, Beezer, Deters, Ellis, Fiegner, Gardiner, Mitchell, Sousa, Steiner.

Bartanen started the meeting as convener and moved promptly to the business of electing a chair. Bob Steiner was nominated, ran unopposed, and was elected by the vigorous nodding of heads. Secretarial duties will rotate through the committee.

Meeting times were set for the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 8:00 A.M. in Library 134.

Steiner began the discussion with mention of the draft charges to the committee from the Faculty Senate.

Ellis asked for a discussion of the integration of the use of technology in teaching. More specifically, he is interested in programs to help faculty with their use of technology. Steiner suggested we discover some models for this.

Gardiner mentioned collecting examples of adequate and inadequate uses of technology, while Sousa suggested systematic departmental studies of levels of satisfaction with OIS. Steiner was reluctant to launch new surveys, while Ellis thought institutionalized feedback would be most productive. Gardiner brought up departmental discussions again and Bartanen offered that the administration would find this sort of information very useful in their planning.

Mitchell reminded the committee that the library had several renovations on the horizon.

Ellis mentioned that certain concepts could be taught better with better technology and wondered what these "pressure points" were. Steiner remarked that moving to an integrated use of technology is difficult, a sentiment echoed by Ellis.

Bartanen announced that a member of the Center for Educational Technology at Middlebury College will be visiting campus on October 30.

Steiner lamented that often the faculty is unaware of what other faculty are doing. Beezer recalled fondly some faculty demonstrations organized by OIS in years past. Deters mentioned that this will happen again in conjunction with visit mentioned earlier, while Ellis suggested the WebBoard as a method for exchanging ideas. Deters suggested that he would see what he could learn from talking to other faculty while working in the library's Multimedia Lab.

Responding to a query from Gardiner, Ellis reported on activities within OIS. An analysis of the campus network has been conducted and a new network manager has been hired. Solutions to the cost of providing printing capabilities in the computer labs are still being developed. Several upgrades are starting or are planned, including the network backbone, the university's Internet connection, the PC's in McIntyre 215, servers for mail, news and DNS, and the wiring of Langlow House.

Ellis also advised the group of grants for course development (especially for projects that use the WWW) that are available from the Northwest Academic Computing Consortium, and encouraged members to promote these to other faculty so that UPS might submit a good collection of proposals for the next competition this March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Beezer