Library, Media, Academic Computing Committee Meeting
April 29, 1999

Present: R. Beezer, K. Bartanen, J. Deters, R. Ellis, M. Gardiner, M. Mitchell, N. Michal, H. Orloff, D. Sousa, R. Steiner

Meeting was convened at 8:05.

Minutes of the April 8 meeting were approved.

Library Video Policy

The library video policy, the source of a student article in the *Trail* (March 11) and a reply *Letter to the Editor* by Marilyn Mitchell, was discussed. Mitchell gave some history of the current policy, explaining that a previous LMAC Committee had approved the current policy that restricts the checking out of "home use" videos to specific uses/situations. Mitchell suggested with the increased size of the "home use" collection, the bookstore renting of home use videos and the increased number of students with personal VCRs that a modification of the policy would be appropriate. Her discussions with the library staff supported a change in policy that would modify the restrictions on students checking out "home use" videos. After discussion regarding legal, access and uses of videos, the committee supported this recommendation. Beezer also encouraged Mitchell to submit another letter to the *Trail* indicating a change in policy so that students know that their complaints/concerns are heard.

A proposed policy on Student Ownership of Computers (http://buzzard.ups.edu/private/ownership.html), which was brought to the committee by Beezer, was discussed. As shown by the interviews with faculty, there is a wide difference of opinion regarding a requirement of student ownership of computers. Most concerns related to the financial implications both to students and the university. The Committee felt there is a need for wider faculty discussion of this proposal and the implication associated with it. It was decided for forward the proposal to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be brought to the full faculty for discussion.

A draft of the summary of the Faculty Technology Use Questionnaire was distributed. Committee members were urged to read the draft and provide feedback to Steiner so that the report can be included in the LMAC final report to the Senate.

Orloff raised the issue of the policy regarding the options for faculty choice in computers.   She questioned whether the current option of a desktop system (PC or Mac) could be expanded to allow for a choice of laptop or desktop. In the limited meeting time, some of the issues such as cost, durability, computer power vs. increased flexibility, and convenience were discussed. Bartanen indicated that the current decision to restrict choice to desktop systems has come from the Academic Dean. Issues such as those raised in the current discussion have been shared with the Academic Dean. This is an issue that the LMAC may want to consider in the 1999-2000 meetings.

Charges to recommend for the 1999-2000 LMAC were discussed.

The charges that were agreed upon were:

1. Develop a "use policy" for technology enhanced (electronic) classrooms.

2. Promote the sharing of faculty integration of technology in instruction through faculty run information sessions

3. Develop information/ideas that will assist faculty to deal with the implications of extensive use of the web for information used in papers and assignments

4. Assure that the LMAC has the major role in policy-making decisions related to Academic Computing, Library and Media, rather than ad-hoc appointed committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

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