MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY, MEDIA AND ACADEMIC COMPUTING COMMITTEE (LMAC),
FEBRUARY 28, 1996

Present: Ellis, Greene, Hanson, Hommel, Hutton, Lamb, Mitchell, Peterson,
           Robertson, Share, Woodward

The meeting convened in WSR 212 at 12 noon.

Ellis reported on the status of the campus technology survey, noting that 75 out of a total of 160 surveys had been returned and coded. A letter has been sent out requesting completion of the remaining surveys.

Mitchell reported on the new library and media directory that is available on the web site http://lib-www.ups.edu/services/media/policies.htm. Committee members praised the large amount of useful information available on the site.

Mitchell discussed changes in the official policy regarding usage of home videos. The previous policy regarding usage of such videos has been liberalized so that students can gain access to them. Faculty who want students to be able to check out such videos for their classes will need to provide media services with a list of enrolled students. Robertson was concerned that students should be able to view long videos outside of the library. Share welcomed the liberalization of the home video checkout policy, but thought it best to restrict home video usage to the library premises. There was a lengthy discussion about how to liberalize the home video policy while assuring that faculty have access to these videos for use in the classroom.

Mitchell reported on some new guidelines regarding the use of the new media lab, with specific reference to scanning of on-line materials.

The committee then discussed the revised Software Support Policy distributed by Ellis. Hanson called for some type of introductory mission statement that would clarify the goals of CIS, and that might put the policy statement in clearer perspective. Robertson called for more specific reference to the bylaws. Hanson was disappointed that CIS cannot officially support research software, and he argued that this sends a message to faculty that may not be in line with the growing importance of research at the university. Hanson also called for a similar policy statement regarding hardware support. Greene recommended the creation of a library of software and hardware reference material. The new media lab was considered as a possible site for such a library.

Ellis reported that the Campus Technology group has begun its deliberations. Greene and Peterson are the LMAC representatives on that committee. Information on the work of this committee can be accessed on the web at http://paca.ups.edu/technology/ctpg.html

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by Don Share