

Minutes of the Library, Media, and Academic Computing Committee

Wednesday, April 3, 1996, Wheelock 202

Present: John Hanson (presiding), Cory Hutton, Mary Rose Lamb, Marilyn Mitchell, Gary Peterson, Marta Robertson, Don Share, John Woodward, Raney Ellis (recording).

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M.

1. The minutes of the meeting of March 20, 1995, were accepted.
2. Woodward opened a discussion of the data analysis of the faculty survey. He has a Minitab worksheet file for anyone who wants to do analysis of the data for themselves. He said that he could provide an initial report to the committee, containing the frequencies of response for all the items.

Share said we need to formulate questions or hypotheses that could be answered with data analysis, and that could lead to action by the committee. It was agreed that before the next meeting, the initial data report would be sent to LMAC members for discussion at that time.

Ellis said that he would have the comments typed into a file for distribution to everyone. He also said, responding to a request, that he would send a blank copy of the survey to each member.

3. Mitchell and Ellis distributed a list of budgets that are used for support of information technology, pointing out that this does not cover the processed involved in using these budgets for purchases. They asked of the committee what further questions need to be addressed.

Among the responses: Who handles requests in terms of providing funding? What are the criteria on which decisions are made (e.g., teaching vs. research uses, requests from knowledgeable vs. naive departments)? What are the processes for ordering, and the steps to be followed in various cases? These items need to be clarified for department chairs.

4. The meeting adjourned at 12:53 P.M.