

ITAC minutes for 2/10/04

1. Lynda Lee Purvis updated the committee on a number of technology projects that will impact student advisement and instruction.

a. RAIN: The RAIN system has been moved to a new server that can provide increased security. RAIN will be unavailable for a few days during Spring Break so the database software can be upgraded.

b. Student email: The new "radar" student email accounts will become available soon. Students will be able to access these accounts via a web interface (Squirrelmail). There is concern that if this system is overloaded with spam email the students may stop using these accounts. Guidelines will need to be put in place regarding how information is distributed to students through this system. All mass emails will be moderated to minimize the amount of spam email. In a related note, faculty and staff email addresses will be taken off the GSW Campus Directory web page soon and replaced by a search system. This is to foil off-campus email spammers who harvest email addresses from web pages.

c. CAP: This is a new system that evaluates course work for students and informs them of the courses that they need for a particular major. This will be available by the end of the semester for the School of Business and will be extended to other programs in the Fall. ABAC is apparently having some trouble with this system.

d. Ecore: The Ecore program began using WebCT-Vista this semester. There have been numerous problems with this system, including difficulty with logins and slow connections. A number of students are upset. Hopefully these problems will be fixed soon because this system is supposed to be used by all on-line courses beginning this Fall.

e. MIF (Multi-Institution Functionality): This is a new program slated to begin in Fall, 2005. This aims to create a transparent system that will allow students to effortlessly enroll in on-line courses at any USG institution. There is much concern over how this should be administered. For example, how we should control which courses students are allowed to take at other institutions? This system may eventually replace Ecore. In addition, this program may eventually force all USG institutions to adopt a common academic calendar.

f. Unique ID: There is an effort to replace the Social Security numbers used for registration and other purposes with another unique identifier. The BOR has not given any definite directions on this issue, so the solution to this problem is currently unclear.

2. Technology fee funds.

a. Gary Fisk requested a new computer for room 1 of the Psychology/Sociology Building. Anthony Ianno said that a nice used computer will be made available sometime soon.

b. The School of Business has not purchased furniture for their new computer lab, so the computers that were purchased for this lab are now being allocated to other classrooms. The Health Education computer classroom in Column 103 is the next in line for a computer upgrades. c. The final version of the Tech Fee application form is on-line at:

http://www.gsw.edu/~oiit/forms/stf_fy04_request.pdf

d. There is not much money left to spend in the fund.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 30 at 3:30 in the Morgan Hall conference room

Attendance: Anthony Ianno, Lynda Lee Purvis, Gary Fisk, Steve Galatas, Karen Cook, Vera Weiskopf, Mohammed Talukdar, Stephanie Harvey, Carl Mueller, and Bryan Davis