

Hello everyone. Here is a brief synopsis of the IT Committee meeting held on 10/16/02.

1. Administrative rights on faculty computers: Faculty computers with Windows 2000 are not given administrative rights (the ability to install software) by default. However, these rights can be granted if the faculty member requests them from Administrative Computing. We discussed the need for a form to track software that requires a license (e.g., Wordperfect, SPSS), so Ad. Comp can ensure that all software on faculty computers is properly licensed. This form would not be necessary for freely available software, such as browser plug-ins.
2. Alan Parks informed the committee that there is about \$100-120k of student technology fee funds that needs to be spent on new technology. A subcommittee was formed (John Northcott, Chuck Lawson) to address these funds. This subcommittee will need to have student representatives that will give input on how the student technology funds are spent.
3. Committee members expressed concern about the time that Ad. Comp. takes to respond to requests. The procedures for responding to requests are currently under review. Each department may be formally designating a technology liaison at some point in the new system.
4. Mac support was discussed.
5. Dr. Ianno stated that the faculty network will be moving to a Windows 2000 domain system. This would allow faculty and staff to log into the network from any point on campus and use personal files stored on a network drive.
6. Dr. Ianno and the president have suggested forming a separate committee to focus on administrative computing issues, such as the network, computer security, servers, and other computer infrastructure. The current committee would then focus exclusively on the use of technology in the classroom. The merits of this proposal were discussed. Any new standing committees would need approval from Academic Affairs and possibly a faculty vote. Therefore, the current IT committee will probably address both administrative and instructional concerns for the near future. This issue will probably require further consideration at future meetings.

The next meeting has been set for 3:00 on November 6 in room 206 of Morgan Hall.

Gary Fisk, chair