

## ITAC minutes for 11/18/03

1. Lovely Lewis informed the committee about upcoming changes to WebCT. A new version, WebCT-Vista, will be available in the Summer or Fall of 2004. This upgrade will integrate WebCT with Banner/PeopleSoft. Students will be added to WebCT sections automatically when they sign up for courses. This will make management of student accounts much easier for both instructors and OIIT staff. WebCT-Vista is feature rich, including an integrated calendar, notes, media library, and HTML editor. The BOR will run this system, so it will no longer be on a campus server. One potential migration problem is that the online tests from the current version of WebCT may be incompatible with the new system.

2. Anthony Ianno updated the committee about several ongoing projects.

a. The networked version of SPSS software has been received and is almost ready to go. An announcement will go out soon to faculty who are interested in having SPSS.

b. Progress is being made on the innovative technology web page for highlighting technology projects on campus. They are still looking for good projects to add to this page. Jim Neale pointed out that the Hunter Education online course has been very successful.

c. Technology fee update: The computers for the new Business lab have been ordered and received. These should be ready to go for the Spring semester. The Nursing computer lab had six 233 mhz computers that were upgraded to current machines with student technology fee funds. Equipment and software has been ordered for the Fine Arts lab. There is approximately \$40,000 left in the fund.

3. New requests for funding from Student Technology Fees:

a. Vera Weiskopf requested \$350 for SSL technology that to provide encryption for Galileo. The committee feels that this needs to be funded from another source.

b. Stephanie Harvey requested \$10,000 to outfit two Biology classrooms with computers, projector, mounting brackets, etc. This will enable instructors to show computer-generated demonstrations of biological phenomena and data outputs to the students. The committee felt that this was a worthy project that meets the criteria for the Student Tech fees and thus should be funded.

4. Miscellaneous: Antony Ware expressed interest in having students use laptop computers for presentations on campus. These are available to students from OIIT as long as the computers are used on campus for official activities. The committee members were not enthusiastic about allowing students to take laptop computers home due to potential theft and breakage problems.

Next meeting: January 21 at 3:00

Attendance: Nancy Hunt, Anthony Ianno, Jim Neale, Bryan Davis, Carl Mueller, Antony Ware, Royce Hackett, Mohammed Talukdar, Stephanie Harvey, Gary Fisk, and Lovely Lewis