Minutes of the 11/6/2002 IT Advisory Committee meeting

1. Committee members received a copy of a letter from the RIAA informing us that peer-to-peer networks on college campuses are often involved in trading copyrighted works. This highlights the need for a peer-to-peer networking policy.
2. Windows 2000 domain and associated policy changes were discussed. This will address the updated policies for computer labs, security, websites, antivirus protection, software, server administration, and email.
3. Committee members raised concerns about how technology money tends to be spent in a rush at the end of the academic year. The need for long term planning and priorities in determining the expenditure of technology money was noted.
4. Committee restructuring: A primarily administrative committee composed of mostly staff from Administrative Computing will be formed to address security, networking, computer upgrades, and other practical issues. This will not be a standing committee of faculty, it will be mostly staff. It will also have one or two faculty members who are also members of ITAC. Approval from Academic Affairs Committee and other bodies should not be necessary for this committee. The ITAC committee will focus on IT for faculty, faculty development, classroom technology, computer labs, and long range planning for computer services on campus. This is closer to the spirit of the original plan for ITAC.
5. The subcommittee on student technology fee funds (Chuck Lawson and John Northcott) gave a report. The students brainstormed approximately 25 different ways of spending these funds. These included the following:

Software for Fine Arts labs
Better wireless for the dorms
More bandwidth
Digital still cameras for checkout from Fine Arts
Color ink jet printers (?)
RAM and networking for Fine Arts
Better video cards for Fine Arts
Internet room in the student center
Remote cameras for parking
Satellite dishes (?)
24 hour computer lab support on campus (Important for CIS majors)
Office of Student Life DVD, projector, etc. available for movie nights
A campus print shop
Visual C++ for certain computer labs
More access for TV-8
Internet cafe with networked computers for gaming
Radio station
More Mac technology support
Upgrade video software for Fine Arts
PS2 for students
Computer lab in the business building

Note: This list may not be complete. It was hard to keep track!

Our student, Tiwa Angagna-Williams, suggested that 24 hour computer labs would be great for CIS majors who may need to do all night projects.

Attendance: Tiwa Angagna-Williams, Royce Hackett, Anthony Ianno, Bob Harrington, Sam Peavy, Gary Fisk, John Northcott, Chuck Lawson, Vera Weiskopf
Our next meeting will be 3:00 on Wednesday, December 4 in the IT Dept. conference room.

Gary Fisk, chair