Academic Computing Steering Committee (AcCSC)

Minutes of Meetings:
February 18, 2003, 1:30 pm. ITS conference room

Present: Bauman, Cossey, Davis, Keller, Klein, Lesh, Smith; Guest: Andrew McCabe, President, Student Forum

Review of last meeting's minutes

IT issues for students. Today's meeting was devoted to a discussion with Andrew McCabe about IT issues of interest to students.

1. Campus calendar
   http://campuslifecalendar.union.edu/ The Student Forum has set this calendar up. Rules and event submission instructions are at the web site. We discussed the best way to incorporate student calendar needs into the R-25 calendar when it becomes available for wider use. We looked at the Campus Life calendar, and at the Middlebury implementation of R-25.

   Middlebury calendar:
   http://www.middlebury.edu/calendar.html
   R-25 at Middlebury


3. Class registration / faculty advising / Portfolios. Andrew indicated that students would very much like to register for classes online. Dave C. indicated that we have the technical capability to do that, but that we would need to create procedures for faculty, students, and staff to follow. Doug noted that
we will be discussing this next week. Dave, Penny, Dave R., and Seyffie M (from AAC) discussed online registration two weeks ago, at AAC's request. We will keep Student Forum in the loop on planning for this.

In the meantime, Dave C. noted that ITS is preparing a pilot implementation of card-course signup which could eventually replace the home-grown systems that some departments have been using. Examples:

- **Economics** (not live until pre-registration):
- **Mathematics**

- **Electronic Portfolio system** (pilot with Conn Coll)
  (must be registered to use)

4. **Cable TV / International Channels**  Andrew knows of no issues about this service. Some students have asked about when we can originate student broadcasts over the cable system, but they recognize that this would take a major commitment of time and resources. Although our system does allow for this, it does not seem to be a high priority at the moment.

5. **Computer and network access**

- labs  enough? right places?
- dorm rooms
- wireless network

Generally no major issues here; some web pages do not load on the public access thin client machines; probably because there is content filtering on those machines. Josh asked that the library look into the functionality of the computers in their reference area; he says they are inordinately slow, and some of the keyboards have sticking keys. Doug and Kathryn suggested that there could be more than one web-browsing machine in the basement. The one machine is often tied up, sometimes for extended
6. Printing - how can we control the costs associated with printing? Not discussed.

7. E-mail / Webmail: https://idol.union.edu/horde/imp/ Students generally happy with webmail; it is being used more since it is linked from the new oncampus page.

8. Copyright issues and other rules for computer use / Policies http://www.union.edu/ITS/policies.htm

We reviewed the College policy of fully cooperating with law enforcement; students and College employees should be aware of policies posted at the address above.

9. Career development and the e-Recruiting system - not discussed.

   • http://cdc.union.edu/
   • http://union.erecruiting.com/er/security/login.jsp

10. Web portal: http://oncampus.union.edu Tom S. invited comment on this portal page. Andrew said that he would bring it up to Forum members.

We agreed that the AcCSC and the Student Forum would remain in closer touch to convey any IT information and issues back and forth.

Next meeting: Feb. 25, 2003, 1:30 PM, ITS conference room
Guests will be Seyffie Maleki, Penny Adey, Kimmo Rosenthal.

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