Academic Computing Steering Committee
(AcCSC)

Minutes of Meetings:
April 18, 2001. OCS conference room; 4:00 pm

Present: Batson, Boyer, Klein, McFadden, Sener, Smith

Review of last meeting's minutes

1. Distance Learning. The AAC has decided to appoint a subcommittee to look at Union's policies regarding Distance Learning. Andy Feffer is drawing up a charge for that subcommittee, and will meet with this committee on May 2 to discuss that charge. Ideally, there should be at least one person on all 3 committees (this committee, the AAC, and the DL subcommittee).

2. Electronic Portfolios. Kalamazoo College and Wesleyan University both require their students to develop and maintain online electronic portfolios. To help us think about what would be useful to incorporate into our upcoming web-advising system, Doug Klein gave an online tour of the Wesleyan site. They have posted a sample portfolio, and readers of these minutes are invited to explore that sample. (Follow the Wesleyan link above.) The following is Wesleyan's description of its electronic portfolio:

The Student Electronic Portfolio contains four categories of information about a student's career at Wesleyan:

Academics & Advising: This section contains information about your academic progress. Pages included are Student Profile, Current Classes & Schedule, Academic History, Courses of Interest, Areas of Interest, Advisor Information.
Personal Information: This section contains personal information about your work and interests and your term bill. Pages included are a Welcome page, Resume, Samples of My Work, Skills and Interests, Academic Goals, Future Plans/Aspirations, and Account Balance. This section is a good place to post information not directly related to your academic career, as well as your academic concerns and skills.

Tools & Links: This section includes features you will most likely use quite often, such as your mail and a personal calendar. Also included are links to several administrative offices and student organizations, as well as academic and events calendars and other campus resources. You may also link your favorite websites here, as a way to share them with someone else or simply to have easy access to them yourself within your portfolio. Pages included are: Mail, Calendar, University Links, and Favorite Links.

Help & FAQ: Use the links listed here to find help on specific topics, maintain the security table that determines who has access to your portfolio, and contact E-portfolio support.

Doug Klein and Dave Cossey heard a presentation about this system several weeks ago at a Mellon-sponsored conference at Mt. Holyoke. Doug pointed out that Wesleyan's IT budget and staff are, ahem, substantial.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 25, 4 pm, OCS conference room.

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