Academic Computing Steering Committee (AcCSC)

Minutes of Meetings:
April 25, 2002; Steinmetz 237, 3:30 pm
Present: Bauman, Keller, Klein, Lesh, McFadden, Smith, Traver

Review of last meeting's minutes.

1. Review of electronic portfolios. Doug announced that the first meeting of the e-Portfolio consortium has been scheduled for June 3. Representatives from the participating schools: Connecticut College, Bates, Dartmouth, Hamilton, Mt. Holyoke and Union, will meet to discuss how to conduct Phase 1. The draft proposal, along with other documents and websites related to e-Portfolios are linked at the first page in the following list.

- A collection of links related to our participation with CC.
- AAHE e-Portfolio site
- Chronicle of HE article on e-Portfolios. (Feb. 21, 2002)

At Union, we plan to use e-Portfolios as a tool to help bridge academic and career advising and planning. Advisors and students will have access to the student's e-Portfolio, and starting with Connecticut College's version of the software, we will work to customize it to meet our needs. In particular, we want to add planning worksheets that correspond to our Gen Ed program, to the structure of our majors and minors, and to help students plan for things like international programs.
E-Portfolios will also help students keep track of their co-curricular activities, and will direct them to document the skills they have demonstrated in both their curricular and co-curricular activities.

In the first year, we will be expected to have a pilot group of 5-10 advisors and their advisees using the system, which will be physically run from Connecticut College. The following year, we will have the opportunity to port the system to Union for further customization. They entire project is heavily dependent on obtaining grant funding, which is currently pending.

2. Conferences. Members are urged to talk up (and register for) our upcoming conference on Collaborating with Technology, May 23. Tom M. is debating whether to go through with the Archiving WWW sites workshop on May 13-14; registrations have been light. [Added May 1. Additional registrations have come in; the workshop is on. - JDK]

- Archiving College WWW sites May 13-14
- Collaborating with Technology May 23 (all invited - please register now)

3. Summer Orientation. With the end of on-campus summer orientation, plans are well under way to collect all of the information needed from incoming freshmen. In the opinion of the Committee Chair, we should begin planning now to collect as much of this information as possible electronically next year. In February, we put together this preliminary list of some of the information we need. Click here for the document "Information Exchange with Incoming Freshmen" (Word document)

4. Librarians publish. Tom McFadden noted that Gail Golderman and Bruce Connolly from Schaffer Library have published a review of online news sites in the Spring, 2002 issue of NetConnect.
Meeting adjourned at 4:05.
Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2002; 3:30,
Steinmetz 237.