Minutes of Meetings:
May 4, 2000
Olin 110

Present: Cossey, Klein, McFadden, Traver

Review of last meeting's minutes

1. Dave Cossey said that due to the "I LOVE YOU" virus attack, he only had a few minutes.

2. Dave C. asked Tom M. how frequently he planned to replace library desktop computers. A 2-year replacement cycle would provide an influx of new computers to campus, and would provide 2-year-old computers to move to other offices. Tom feels the need to save funds in his endowment account at least until he has enough (~$400K) to replace the online catalog.

3. Doug and Dave met earlier today with Kesheng Yu, and the three of them discussed the desire to involve Kesheng in one or more major curricular initiatives on campus. Possibilities include designing curricula to take advantage of the VDS rooms that will be built using the Keck grant (see last week's minutes); working with Bill Thomas and Modern Languages in designing the on-line component of the Mellon-2 grant with Hobart-William Smith. Doug noted that a recent alumna, Jill Bloomberg, now works for CountryWatch.com, and might be able to help think of effective ways to use the IVDS rooms across the curriculum. A third area is to conduct a survey of faculty who have attended lunches and workshops over the past two years to see how they have changed their use of technology. This survey would be helpful in preparing the
next report to the Mellon Foundation.

4. Doug brought up the issue of Union College credit for students who take distance-learning courses from other institutions. The ACC has asked the Steering Committee to devise a College policy on this issue. Tom pointed out that as a residential campus, students should be required to spend sufficient time on campus. Dave C. suggested that Penny Adey be involved in the discussion. Tom volunteered to collect some web-resources related to the issue, and Cherrice said that she had a copy of UCSD's policy. Doug said that it might be hard to distinguish a reputable, accredited institution from its associated e-college (e.g. Cornell). One question, does the traditional college accept credits taken in its e-affiliate? We need to be able to determine whether the e-college is accredited by an organization we recognize and accept.

References:
- College policy on credit for courses at another institution.
- College forms to request transfer credit, and procedures.

5. OCS needs to be informed of any housing needs and changes for next Fall in a timely fashion. Doug will contact Dwight Wolf and Fred Alford with this request.

Next meeting:

May 11, 2000, 3:30 pm, Olin 110

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