The Senate Computing & Communications Committee held its final Spring 06 meeting on Friday May 12 at 2:15 PM in the Psych B Senate Conference Room.

Present: Gregory Zelinsky, F. Jason Torre, Wei Lin, Anita Lago, Andrew White, Jolyon Jesty

Rich Reeder was invited to attend to address several items.

- Updates on C.A.L.E.A-Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act

Rich outlined the intention of this 1994 act. The act was intended to allow the surveillance of telecommunications transmissions. For academic campuses, compliance would require an overhaul of the teleco infrastructure, thereby costing the campus millions of dollars. There are questions as to whether or not the act includes surveillance of all network transmissions, and newer encryption technologies would allow one to bypass many of the CALEA specifications. It is still unclear how to interpret and implement CALEA on the campus. At the moment, most in the education sector are opposed to CALEA. SBU is currently waiting for additional information and clarification before concerning itself with CALEA compliance.

- Status of Wireless on campus and CEWIT

There has been an expansion of wireless network coverage across the campus. There are currently wireless access points in all of the Instructional Computing SINC sites and access from the Fine Arts Plaza. We are expecting to receive a list of WLAN campus locations from Rich. Rich is also looking for input for future locations and implementations. At the moment, areas designated as primarily public receive priority for wireless coverage.

There are plans to create campus connectivity to the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology, but most of the campus networking operations will remain separate from CEWIT and will continue to be managed and supported from the Computing Center.

- Filtering of outgoing email

DoIT has a mail relay that is setup with antispam and antivirus filters for Lotus Notes. Departments that run their own mail system separate from Lotus Notes have the option to use the DoIT mail relay and associated filters. DoIT still needs to come up with a mechanism to notify users of automated filtering actions taken on those non-Notes email systems that utilize the mail relay.

- East Campus / ARCAN issues regarding support for Lotus Notes should be addressed to Charles Bowman

- East Campus / ARCAN issues regarding support for Norton Antivirus should be addressed to Sanjay Kapur

- Timetable for NetID implementation across the various university systems

DoIT will continue to use the SOLAR ID as the master account to manage personal information for students, staff, and faculty. Lotus Notes authentication will remain as is, with the combination of Lotus Notes ID file and associated password. Plans are place to use the NetID with EzProxy and Aleph (libraries), Softweb (campus software), and NetApps (network storage). The SINC sites and Blackboard are currently utilizing the NetID.

- Recruitment and Reorganization of Educational Technologies

With Nancy Duffrin's retirement, the position for as Head of Instructional Computing has been revised with increased duties and oversight of Educational Technologies on the campus. The recruitment process for this newly-defined position has yielded 2 finalists with a hope to have a summer announcement of the new hire. For those who are interested in more information about the candidate presentations, you can contact Bill Collins.

- Turnitin Software with campus site license

Brian Colle, Chair of the Undergraduate Council has been addressing the plagiarism issue, and see a need for a campus-wide system that can assist instructors tackle the problem. Our Committee has recommended to Rich for a commitment to the market leader in plagiarism software, Turnitin. Rich stated that he would post a survey of faculty and staff to ascertain the level of campus interest.