

University Senate Committee on Computing and Communications, October 14, 2005.

Present, Dinkins, Rohlf, Lago, Lin, Ledgerwood. Excused: essentially the rest of the committee membership due to the rain storms that day.

The Chair began by discussing agenda items from last year, introducing the new committee members to the type of items that the committee has often discussed.

- 1) Regular meeting times.
- 2) The PR 109 policy on computing and privacy.
- 3) The continuing need for more technology in teaching classrooms.
- 4) The East Campus/West Campus divide over computer support, especially Notes support. We all agreed that it would make sense for West Campus to take over Notes support for the entire campus. Further discussions to follow.
- 5) We agreed to talk to Rich about what is happening with wireless on campus, including the status of the new Humanities Building.
- 6) We wanted a report on the LDAP authentication implementation as well.
- 7) Plagiarism search sites and getting a license for the university to one to allow easy checking for faculty.
- 8) Lin brought up the fact that faculty like him and some of the rest of the committee (as well as others not on the committee) would really benefit from the creation of something like a "Power Users Group".
- 9) Dinkins brought up questions about the faculty addendum. She and others questioned why it had to be entered via Lotus Notes user name and password.
- 10) Ledgerwood mentioned that he had been contacted by UMass Amherst concerning their difficulties with PeopleSoft and agreed to answer questions by their Senate Committee (equivalent to this committee).
- 11) Finally Ledgerwood read an article in the NY Times after the meeting where colleges are now going to be forced to do more to help the government be able to spy on Internet users and how colleges are resisting the cost of this new initiative as well as questioning its utility. The committee will ask Rich for his opinion on this.

Excerpted from the meeting minutes of the committee. Submitted by J. Torre.