Educational Policies and Planning Committee

Minutes of Meeting, 9 October 1997

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by the secretary, David Lawrence (the chair was delayed, on committee business). The minutes of the meeting on October 2 were accepted with no changes.

The committee discussed the role of the Faculty Computer Committee and the new budget for faculty computers (the $525,000 from equity funding). Issues discussed:

1. Should all committees that consider faculty computers communicate better with EPP?

2. What will be the roles of the new 10 computer technicians?

3. Better communication with current and future computer technicians is needed.

4. Is much of the new faculty computer money to be used to make sure that all faculty are connected to email?

5. How do computers purchased with student fee money relate with the faculty computer purchases?

6. Should the task force that was set up to identify computer needs be in charge of distributing the new computers, or should the unit heads?
7. Should faculty who have no computer currently get a brand new one, or should they receive hand-me-downs?

8. Some faculty probably have more need for a lap-top than a desk-top machine. Should lap-tops also be bought with the new faculty computer money?

Ringelisen reported that the new information officer for the university, Associate Vice Chancellor Jeffrey Huskamp, will report to both Vice Chancellor Ringelisen and Vice Chancellor Brown. Ringelisen also explained that there probably will be 4 levels of computers purchased from the new faculty computer funds: a basic Mac and a larger Mac, and a basic IBM-compatible and a larger IBM-compatible.

The chair announced the next meeting of the EPP at 12:00 noon, 10-16-97, when the committee will consider what action to take on the computer funding issues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m..

David Lawrence
Secretary