COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS Annual Report, 2003-04

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

CCT devoted most of its time this year discussing the various stages and plans of the planned IT consolidation/transformation project. Main concerns expressed by CCT included:

- how to get faculty feedback beyond CCT input
- the need to separate research computing needs from the infrastructure
- the need for the IT consolidation not to affect teaching
- the need to recognize that core computing needs vary by division and amongst disciplines
- the need for flexibility in any system to keep up with the extremely fast changes in IT
- support for computer clusters/supercomputers and server support for different domains
- the need for many different definitions of "bronze-level"
- the need for systematic upgrades of instructional computer needs
- whether bulk-buying is cost-efficient for some areas
- whether software updates and back-ups should be done automatically

Continuing discussion of the IT transformation project will continue to occupy much of CCT's time next year.

CCT also discussed the first iteration of a wireless access policy, with it anticipated that continuing discussion will take place next year.

Another continuing issue is the need for broader campus discussion of security policies.

CCT members were supportive of a newsletter to keep the campus apprised of what's being done on campus.

Respectfully submitted,

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