

COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Annual Report, 2002-03

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

Committee Membership:

Jane Wilhelms (Computer Sciences) served as chair of the Senate Committee on Computing and Telecommunications (CCT) for 2002-2003. Joshua Aizenman (Economics), Gary Glatzmaier (Earth Sciences), Victoria Gonzalez-Pagani (Languages), Alex Pang (Computer Sciences), Grant Pogson (Biology), Travis Seymour (Psychology), and Elizabeth Stephens (Arts) served on the committee. Patrick LeCuyer represented CATS at CCT meetings. Larry Merkley represented the Information Technology Committee (ITC). There were no student representatives this year.

Committee Discussions:

The committee discussed a number of issues involving technology on campus, and received reports from ITC, CATS, and the library. Professor Bruce Cooperstein presented recommendations developed by the Instructional Technology Group last year from meetings with staff, faculty, and students.

Discussions included such topics as the Academic Information System (AIS); wireless networks on campus; possible future requirements for students to have computers and of what kind; assignment of email accounts and spam filters; development of a centralized IT system for the campus; and digital libraries and their ease of access. Members agreed that internet access should be available in all classrooms.

One of the topics we often considered at our meetings was the funding to be provided to faculty and staff for workstation replacement. This was part of 1998-1999 initiative process that provides \$325/year of central funding, to be matched by \$325 from departmental budgets. This is for basic workstation replacement every four years, high quality monitors every six years, and standard software applications. While some divisions have a well-organized replacement policy, other divisions do not appear to have a clear policy. Informal discussions suggest some faculty in various divisions are being told there is no money available. We encourage faculty in need of computer resources to take advantage of this program, and we encourage the divisions to all develop organized policies for implementing it.

We congratulate Larry Merkley, the chair of ITC for the last two years, for his appointment as Vice Provost for Information Technology. We appreciate his regular reports to CCT, and his interest in keeping ITC and CCT well-informed on each other's activities.

We encourage all members of the senate interested in technology on campus to visit the ITC web pages at: <http://planning.ucsc.edu/pac/itc.html>

Respectfully submitted,

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