

COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Annual Report
2000-2001

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

Committee Membership

Charles McDowell served as chair of the Senate Committee on Computing and Telecommunications (CCT) for 2000-2001. Yin-Wong Cheung (Economics), Ben Crow (Sociology), Joel Ferguson (Computer Engineering), Vicki Gonzalez-Pagani (Language), Eli Hollander (Film and Video), Geoffrey Pullum (Linguistics), and Lisa Sloan (Earth Sciences) served on the committee. Patrick Lecuyer represented CATS at CCT meetings. There was no student representative this year.

There has been a very encouraging change in the area of computer technology on campus. In July 2000, Larry Merkely was hired as a consultant on a two year contract. His mission was to advise Campus Provost Simpson on technology issues, and propose a new structure for the management of information technology on campus. The first thing Larry Merkely did was create the Information Technology Committee (ITC), which eventually became one of Provost Simpson's 5 "key groups" reporting to the Provost's Advisory Council (PAC: <http://planning.ucsc.edu/pac/>).

After one year in existence, we are very satisfied with the way the ITC is functioning. A number of important issues have been, and are being, addressed by ITC. The chair of CCT (Charlie McDowell) serves on ITC, and Larry Merkely attended several CCT meetings to insure that the perspectives of the faculty and the senate were being represented.

One key issue that was not yet resolved at the time this report was being written, is the issue of what happens to ITC when Larry Merkely's contract expires. We are aware that ITC is struggling with that issue, but we want to make the senate aware that CCT feels it is imperative that a chief information/technology officer be recruited to take over the process that Larry Merkely has begun.

We encourage all members of the senate interested in technology on campus (whether it is in the classroom, on your desktop, or handling student records), to visit the ITC web pages at:

<http://planning.ucsc.edu/pac/itc.html>

Finally, we would like to remind faculty about the funding that was obtained as part of the 1998-1999 initiative process that provides \$325/year of central funding, to be matched by \$325 from departmental budgets for workstation replacement for all faculty and staff.

Replacement costs are estimated at \$650 per year, calculated as follows:

\$400 - Basic workstation replacement on a four-year cycle (\$1,600 over four years), \$150 - Keep standard software applications current (word processing, spreadsheet, database, web access, email, calendar etc), some funds included for shared peripherals (e.g. printers, fax etc.), \$100 - Replace high quality monitors on a six-year cycle (\$600 over six years).

This should be enough to provide basic computer support using relatively current technology. If you have not had your workstation replaced or upgraded in the last 4 years, you should check with your divisional computer coordinator to see if you are eligible for an upgrade or replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

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