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Subject   Changes in Senate Computing Committee Meetings

Happy New Year to All,

Effective January 27, I will no longer serve as Chair of the Senate Computing Committee. I have accepted a position at Adelphi University, thereby ending my employment at Stony Brook.

My position as a representative on the Committee will be filled by Joseph Balsamo, pending committee approval. Joe is the Health Sciences Library's senior-most systems administrator and programmer, serves as a representative on the campus-wide LDAP committee, and will be Acting Head of the HSL IT unit.

I have already informed both the Executive Senate and our Vice Chair, Jolyon Jesty, of the need to elect a new Chair for the Committee. Jolyon has made it clear that he will schedule the next meeting, but will not serve as Chair, preferring to have a chair whose daily responsibilities are more directly involved in the use and management of computing technologies.

As my final duty, I would like to provide the committee with the list of items that we discussed at our last meeting:

- We are still waiting for a campus map that shows where wireless network access is currently available. Rich Reeder had indicated that he would share the map with the committee so that we could assist in determining which areas of the campus may be designated as the next places for wireless implementation.
- There was a question for Charlie Giannetto, the sys admin for Sparky, re: the new webmail interface for student email accounts. The committee would like to know if there will be connectors to remote LDAP directories beyond those maintained by DoIT.
- We raised the issue of website standardization on the campus, particularly in light of the renaming and branding of campus units, such as the University Medical Center.
- The committee also would like to see improvements in the campus-wide search engine found on the campus homepage.
- Several members expressed concerns about network bandwidth in terms of being capped at (some at 10 base-T) due to cabling or other older infrastructure . The group would like to have further discussions to understand the relationship between building infrastructure and capital improvements in the context of overall technology infrastructure.
- Related to the previous item, there is a question of costs for running Ethernet cable on the campus. There appears to be a discrepancy between the costs for such work when performed on either the West or East Campus. In addition, there are concerns about the amount of time it takes for such work orders to be processed and installed.

I want to thank all of you for enthusiasm, professionalism, and a fair amount of brain-bending problem-solving at our meetings. It has truly been a wonderful and rewarding experience working with you and I wish all the best of luck in the new year.

Sincerely,

-- Andrew