

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATION POLICY

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TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

The University Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy (ITTP) held one meeting during Academic Year 2001-02 to conduct its business with respect to its charge in Bylaw 155.

Status/Role/Future direction of ITTP

The Committee concurred that Senate input on issues related to courses on Internet and digital technology is appropriate and important during this age of high technology. Courses offered on the Internet are within the authority and interest of the Senate, and faculty are interested also in copyright issues (e.g., ownership of course materials). ITTP members discussed the Committee's role with respect to oversight for academic issues related to computing and technology and also discussed establishing a link with a specifically designated UCOP consultant who would deal with the Committee on a regular basis in working on these issues. Further, the Committee seeks appropriate links to systemwide ad hoc committees, task forces or work groups that are created to deal with policies and issues that are within the Committee's purview, and that also deal with allocations and appropriations related to infrastructural support. ITTP seeks to end a period of relative inactivity by becoming more proactive in developing and/or forwarding recommendations related to telecommunications policies. ITTP is interested in and concerned about security issues related to computing and information technology and whether the right people are being hired to oversee security. ITTP recognizes futuristic problems with respect to network connectivity and conductivity, network service and support, redundancy and network overload. Members considered whether the Committee should hold its meetings by videoteleconference.

ITTP Bylaw 155

ITTP proposed a change to its Bylaw that would designate a Vice Chair position within the Committee membership and add the *ex officio* membership of the Chair of the Academic Senate to the Committee. The proposed changes were forwarded to the Academic Council for further consideration.

Copyright Policy

ITTP reviewed and discussed the one draft policy change in "Policy on Reservation of Rights" that was proposed. The Committee drafted and approved the following statement:

- We endorse the several comments that the "Policy on Reservation of Rights" be extended and clarified. Several committees, including the Committee on Educational Policy at UCSF, recommend that guidelines and sample documents be developed for faculty use, when dealing with different kinds of publishers. We recommend that additional rights be reserved, beyond royalty-free use within the University. These should explicitly include posting on faculty web pages and creation of derivative works.
- We also recommend that UC consider a much more proactive role in dealing with major academic publishers. It is unrealistic to expect individual faculty, negotiating as individuals, to have much leverage with major publishers. UC action should include

negotiating with publishers, and encouraging joint action with other groups in specific academic areas where a critical mass of faculty can catalyze a fundamental shift. This has happened, for example, in physics with the Los Alamos online archive.

- Any approach by the University to reservation of rights from publishers should not attempt to mandate specific faculty behavior. Individual needs, such as for publication in particular journals recognized in their field, preclude a uniform or mandatory policy.

Other

The following items and issues were received and discussed by the Committee:

- The Academic Senate Website Committee—the Academic Council will look into placing an ITTP representative on this Committee.
- Wider use of Smart Cards University wide—members discussed campus use of smart cards for parking, library charges, student cafeteria and other. Customizing, interface, computer reader use, security passwords and upgrading issues were discussed.
- Computer and network security—Policy needs to address those documents that are legally and ethically confidential, with respect to the capability of forwarding these electronically. Certain encrypted documents can be decrypted and left on a personal hard drive. What forces are in place to deal with security issues? ITTP will continue to discuss these issues.

ITTP representation

ITTP is also represented on University Committee on Library—the ITTP Chair is an *ex officio* member of UCOL.

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