UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC SENATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes of Teleconference February 1, 2008

I. Consent Calendar

ACTION: The consent calendar was approved as noticed.

II. Chair's Announcements

Lisa Naugle, UCCC Chair

At its January 30, 2008, meeting, the Academic Assembly approved unanimously the committee's name and charge amendments as <u>noticed</u> (pp. 84-86).

III. Minimum Standards

ISSUE: The committee continues its discussion and development of minimum information technology standards for teaching and learning.

DISCUSSION: Members were concerned that any standards would be mere "good wishes" absent funding guarantees. Others suggested developing guidelines, rather than standards, to empower faculty without obligating campuses, thereby creating a reactive structure. Members also noted that this effort dovetails nicely with concurrent investigations into online instruction and distance learning initiatives. Some members again questioned the omission of research in the standards' parameters as well as the development of tiered resource bands for providing IT funding; others queried as to waste disposal following equipment upgrades.

Members revisited the idea of a "rent-a-cube," a campus-based alternative to the internet café. Members noted that libraries are not always conveniently located for conferees and such. It was suggested that UC Trust could be expanded to allow universal net access for UC students, faculty, and staff, although the question of guest access remains.

ACTION: Chair Naugle, Representative Joseph (UCB), and Analyst Feer will draft the next iteration of the minimum standards.

IV. Information Technology Guidance Committee Update

Lisa Naugle, UCCC Chair

ISSUE: The committee continues its preliminary discussion of the ITGC report and recommendations, which have yet to be made public and sent for formal systemwide review.

DISCUSSION: Members noted again the lack of specificity in the document, but were mindful of the target audience and purpose: to spur The Regents to action. Nevertheless, members believe the report would be enhanced by the inclusion of clear data, especially data detailing how much start-up, maintenance, and replacement costs are projected to be, and how much less these costs are than similar efforts under the status quo. Further, members observed that the benefits and opportunities improved IT policies, procedures, and infrastructure would bring to the University are only assumed, not made explicit; if

the purpose is to attract commitment and funding from The Regents, such a laudatory section is necessary.

ACTION: Chair Naugle will draft an informal response to Kris Hafner, Associate Vice President for Information Resources & Communications, sharing the committee's concerns.

V. Systemwide Review Items

- <u>Regents' Diversity Task Force Reports</u> ACTION: The committee elected not to opine on this item.
- <u>Report of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on International Education</u> DISCUSSION: Members noted that students enrolled in highly structured programs frequently fall behind if they study abroad and that distance learning options may help mitigate such difficulties. ACTION: The committee elected not to opine on this item.

VI. New Business and Member Planning

- DISCUSSION: Many members noted scheduling conflicts with the April 4 meeting date; an alternate date of April 25 was proposed.
 ACTION: Analyst Feer will poll the full membership as to availability on April 25, 2008.
- **DISCUSSION:** Members suggested that at the next meeting, learning management systems and best practices thereof be included as an agenda item. **ACTION:** Chair Naugle and Analyst Feer will include the item on the spring agenda.

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