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Meetings

Meetings were held on September 30, 2004 and April 25, 2005.

Accomplishments

- The campus-wide IT system and the possible restructuring scenarios were discussed.
- A discussion was held about the potential implications of adopting a new administrative system, including a request that, if it were under consideration, could users test and see it in operation before a final decision is made.
- A request was made to examine the current system's capabilities; could it remain the system of choice, particularly if additional resources were allocated, e.g., additional programmer, middleware adoption. A consultant was hired to explore this avenue.

- A request was made to explore the development of new tutorials for administrative computing tasks.
- A discussion was held about the new computer lab replacement cycle (Art in one year; the other labs on a rotational basis in the alternate years.
- The committee discussed next academic year's purchases; this includes the current PC config. (e.g., 15" flat panel.)
- The ACAC endorses the proposed replacement plan; this includes the examination of a lab's software every 2 years for updates.
- The ACAC endorses the proposed GoPrint plan; the recommendation is that an extra set-up be purchased to provide each of the Art labs with a system; the committee also endorses the removal of extra printers on campus for sites supported by GoPrint committee members will collect info about depts with multiple office printers (e.g., faculty and gen. dept use); is this still necessary with the integration of higher speed printers?
- The ACAC discussed a proposed 24 hour student lab; Nazareth is endorsed as the optimal setting for the lab because of its location and the presence of security (Note: the facility will be part of the renovation of the Marian Convent; it will be a 15-20+ station room equipped w/ group workspace and indiv. stations; there will also be a security desk in the vicinity).
- The committee discussed portable data storage options for students; the committee suggests that we promote the use of thumb/USB drives and our labs should be so equipped (as well as instructors' stations) to easily use them.

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