

Computer Policy Committee

Minutes of the meeting: Apr 3, 2001, 4 pm, prepared by Dan Grayson.

Members present: Ando, Bergvelt*, Fossum, Francis, Grayson, Hildebrand, Shannon, Sullivan, Weichsel.

Also present: Galway, Chappell, Roberts, Dornhoff.

Paul Chappell reported on the status of the NT machines. He's getting ready to put the middle xerox machine on the network for network printing. An upgraded xerox machine, if purchased, could be used as a scanner, too. The Filemaker Pro server is now up and running, and files are being backed up. He's in the process of upgrading all machines to Windows 2000.

It was suggested that it would be a good idea to buy "distill" from Adobe for the suns.

CCSO wants to take over the B-jacks and the wires leading up to them, including the patch panel, and charge us for the service, see <http://www.cio.uiuc.edu/presentations/UIUCNet.htm>. The Dean has requested comments from departments about the plan. We've heard that an upgrade of the wiring to CAT-5 quality is planned for next year, but our network designer at CCSO, who would be involved in the work, hasn't been alerted, so a delay is likely. CCSO's current performance in maintaining our network seems inadequate: Jennifer will document that for the committee, which may prepare a document for departmental use to argue against the takeover in its response to the Dean.

Jennifer Shannon reported on the status of the UNIX machines. The deployment of office machines is almost complete, some old servers are back online, some GAANN machines are going to graduate student offices (two more to go). There are 4 servers: charisma, u00, and the two compute servers, u23 and u24, which are in the machine room. The 22 machines u01 through u22 are in the labs, 129 and 130 AH. Altogether we have charisma and u00 - u81, so we have 83 suns. Subtracting 4+22 from 83 tells us that we have 57 suns in offices. There are 3 more suns with only 32MB of RAM that need to be upgraded to 64MB; it's not worth upgrading them further because they're old. Shortly all suns will have at least 1GB of disk. An inventory of machines should be finished this week so we can review the maintenance contracts, which expire July 1. Many maintenance contracts will be allowed to lapse, so needed repairs should be done before then. The \$17K/yr being spent on maintenance contracts will be used instead to buy new machines. The printers are all online. Ftp service and 'htdig' are still not ready.

We might need to place consultants on duty in the basement of Coble Hall after our graduate students occupy it. Most of the 4 new consultants will go home for the summer, so we might be short-staffed.