

Ad Hoc Information Services Committee

Minutes

December 11, 1998

Present: Gary Beach (Chair of Library Committee)
Deborah Healey (Chair of IDTC)
ZoeAnn Holmes
Robby Robson
Tony Wilcox (Chair of IS Review Task Force)
Curt Pederson (Ex Officio)
Henry Sayre, Chair

The meeting was dedicated to discussion of the second charge to the Committee:

2. Review and provide formal input to IS as it responds to recommendations identified in the Task Force Report. Collaborate with IS, assuring that decisions (on reducing the deficit while still providing necessary services to the campus) reflect input from the breadth of the OSU community who use the services. Review the issue of the effect of the \$300,000 transfer on the debt requirement of the library and identify the actual budget support for collections this year as well as for next year.

Curt Pederson provided the committee with an updated response to the Task Force's 17 recommendations:

1-10 These are largely budget and administrative issues that are best addressed by Rob Specter, who is finalizing the E-board request at this time, but who will turn his attention to these matters in early January after the E-board meets. We will invite him to discuss them with us and the EC in a joint meeting in January.

11-14 These are library matters, discussed by the Library Committee earlier this week at their meeting, and Gary Beach reported to us on their discussion.

11: This issue received most attention by the Committee. The LC thinks it is not a good idea to have the University Librarian report to two separate heads, contrary to the Task Force's recommendation. Instead, the University Librarian should report to the Associate Provost for IS and both should meet quarterly with the Provost. The University Librarian sits on the Provost's Council, and the Committee recommends that she should also sit (possibly in an ex officio capacity) on the Deans' Council. The purpose is to create clear lines of communication.

12: President Risser is committed to restore the library's base budget and to increasing it by 2% over the next three years. As a result, serial and monograph budgets should remain steady (though it is unlikely they will be enhanced).

13: This recommendation has been implemented.

14: The question of reducing the deficit of the library remains problematic, and is very much dependent on the E-board's action in January. We will return to this issue after the E-board meeting.

15: Deborah Healey reported that the IDTC met and has begun to redefine its role in terms of giving voice to the faculty's instructional development and technology needs at the IS level. They are also discussing a role for themselves in defining and creating a Faculty Center for Technology, a kind of information clearinghouse and technical support service, perhaps as a way to rethink and redefine the current Faculty Development Lab at IS. It was decided that at some point next term we should dedicate a meeting to defining as fully as possible the role and charge of a new IDTC.

16: Curt Pederson reports that an external audit and review of telecommunications at OSU will begin in early January. When it is finished we will know more.

17: Curt Pederson reports that IS is talking about instituting the Kellogg conversation model to hear from all parts of the OSU community. It seems clear that our committee can help IS in its efforts, and that, in fact, our committee will almost surely recommend an ongoing structure of some kind (still undetermined) that would concern itself primarily with articulating a vision, implementing a plan, and overseeing computing at OSU.

The most likely meeting time for next term appears to be Fridays, 10:30- 12 (though Tony had left, and we don't know his schedule). The EC meets only on Wednesdays from 1-3. We will try to coordinate a joint meeting with Rob Specter and the EC early in January (the 6th or 13th).

Those able to attend are invited to the Library Committee meeting Wednesday, January 20, 3:30 - 5:00.

Most probable date the next meeting of adhociscom (that's pronounced ad-HOC-is-com) is Friday, January 22, 10:30-12 (provided we have met with Rob Specter earlier). More later (early next term).
Happy Holidays.