Information Technology Committee
Minutes
2006-2007 Meeting #1
September 27, 2006, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific Time)

Present: Anderson (Chair), Cronk, Frenzel, Funabiki, Goodwin, Hughett, Krogh, Pendergraft, Schlater
Absent: Hatch, Shofner

Call to Order: Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in room 101 of the Ag Biotech Building

Business:

1) Introductions.

2) Banner 7 upgrade status. Nancy Krogh talked about the status of the upgrade to Banner version 7. The new version will be released on October 16th, the same day that midterm grades are due. It is anticipated that VandalWeb will be unavailable during the weekend of October 14-15. Nancy provided some historical perspective about Banner and described how the UI had made many modifications and added numerous homegrown items to the system. These customizations can create issues when upgrading to a new version. As a result, several of the previous modifications will not be brought forward. Nancy contended that, in the future, the UI needed to be more judicious in making modifications to Banner.

Nancy also discussed the degree audit feature of Banner. She characterized it as outdated, hard to read, and not user friendly. The Registrar’s Office is exploring alternative degree audit programs and has found a product they like called “Degree Works.” Nancy mentioned that there may be some corporate support issues that could affect the availability of this product over the long term. It was recommended that the Registrar’s Office involve faculty members in the evaluation and selection of the degree audit programs. Nancy said she could provide a demonstration of the Degree Works program for the committee.

3) Information Technology Advisory Group. Erik Anderson shared information about the new UI IT Advisory Group that has been formed at the request of Provost Baker and Financial VP Lloyd Mues. The Chair of the faculty Information Technology Committee is to be a standing member of the group. The purpose of the IT Advisory Group is to provide “counsel and advice to administration related to data, voice, and video.” The group’s first meeting is scheduled for September 28th. Erik will report back to the committee regarding the group’s discussions and activities. Nancy Krogh also is a member of the advisory group.

4) Discussion of possible issues and topics for the committee to address during 2006-2007. In the few remaining minutes the committee brainstormed topics to consider during the coming year. Suggested topics included a review of ITS’ project list, WebCT upgrades, student response “clickers,” secure electronic tests, Digital Measures, and podcasting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Erik T. Anderson, Chair 2006-2007