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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: The Senate

FROM: Dr. Stephen Lehmkuhle, Senate Chairperson *SL/gma*

DATE: February 23, 1994

The 1993-94 Senate is scheduled to meet at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, in 126 J. C. Penney. The agenda follows:

- I. Approve minutes from previous meeting (action item)
- II. Report from the Chairperson -- Dr. Lehmkuhle
- III. Report from the Chancellor -- Chancellor Touhill
- IV. Report from the Student Government Association -- Mr. Masters
- V. Committee reports:
 - A. Bylaws and Rules (action item, see attached) -- Dr. Martinich
 - B. Budget and Planning -- Chancellor Touhill
 - C. Physical Facilities and General Services (action item) -- Dr. Cottone
 - D. Executive Committee -- Dr. Lehmkuhle
 - E. Computing (see attached) -- Dr. Tierney
- VI. Other business

PROPOSED NEW BYLAW FOR UM-ST. LOUIS

300.040 C.4.r. Committee on Video and Instructional
(current Technology -- The Committee shall consist of the
C.4.r. and Director of Telecommunications (non-voting); the
following to Director of the Instructional Technology Center
be relabeled) (non-voting); one faculty member from each
division of the College, one from each
professional school, and one from each parallel
unit which may be created from time to time; and
two students. All faculty and student
representatives shall be elected by the Senate.

The Committee shall:

- (1) Review video and instructional technology developments and monitor the quality and effectiveness of instruction using this technology.
- (2) Provide advice regarding video production programming and provide the necessary academic monitoring of video programs which are associated with the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- (3) Provide advice on acquisitions of audio-visual and video telecommunications equipment for the campus and provide input on campus policies and operational procedures related to facility and equipment utilization and services.
- (4) Coordinate the activities of video-enhanced instruction on the campus for the purpose of securing funding.
- (5) Serve as an advisory body for the development and implementation of video technology as a component of integration with digital voice and data systems, both on the campus and in the University of Missouri System. The Committee shall coordinate with the committees on Computing and University Libraries on issues of mutual concern.

Rationale: As the campus begins to develop multi-media courses for use by students on- and off-campus, it will be necessary for a committee to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of video-based courses. Moreover, the Committee will coordinate its activities in video and instructional technology with the activities of the committees on University Libraries and Computing in order to shape the development of integrated technology to best fulfill the academic mission of this campus.

**REPORT TO THE SENATE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING
1 MARCH 1994**

The Senate Committee on Computing met on 10 February 1994 at 10:30 A.M. in Rm 414 CCB. The meeting was chaired by Jack Anderson and minutes taken by Bruce Wilking, the Committee's chair being out of town to tend a death in the family.

The following items and actions represent the substance of that meeting.

1. Instructional Computing Software Budget. Jerry Siegel, the Coordinator of Campus Computing, asked the Committee for assistance in dealing with complex problem of deciding which of the many software packages requested by faculty for use in instruction should be purchased and supported by his staff. The Committee elected a subcommittee to assist Siegel in determining priorities.

2. Annual Distribution of Computers to Faculty Applicants Jerry Siegel reported that, given the present constraints on his budget (e.g., additional expense of the present wiring of campus buildings), it might not be possible to distribute computers to faculty applicants this spring, as his office has done in recent years. In the past, this program was possible largely because of savings in the OCNS budget, not by reason of rate money.

3. Upgrading of the Campus Telephone System Larry Westermeyer provided a status report on the upgrading of the campus telephone system that reflected both short-term and long-range measures to deal with an outmoded and overloaded system that has recently prevented access to off-campus dialup callers. A request for vendor bid proposals was let on February 3; proposals are due March 10; anticipated cutover date is June 24. In the meantime, interim measures have been taken to relieve the stress: dialup lines for the VM system, UMSLVMA, have been moved to Southwestern Bell business lines; 5 outgoing lines were switched to incoming lines; additional modems will be installed as needed. After the upgrade, additional incoming lines will be installed.

4. **Progress on Wiring of Campus Buildings and Hookup.** Larry Westermeyer presented a progress report on the wiring of campus buildings to allow all offices and classrooms access to the campus network server. The T. J. Library is now connected to the campus network; Mark Twain wiring is complete; Lucas wiring is complete (except for closets) to the 4th floor; wiring in Clark is expected to begin by March 5 and in SSB/Tower by early April. Classrooms in these buildings are expected to be ready for use by the Fall 1994 semester.

Some delay in the actual hookup of computers to the system has been the result of attempts to master configurations necessary to address the needs of different kinds of equipment and additional LANS in various offices (e.g., UNIX). Jerry Siegel indicated that the original intention was to provide a "vanilla" hookup to the campus server that would require rebooting for access to other existing services in campus units. He asked patience while OCNS continues to work on these problems.