

Resolution on Academic and Administrative Computing
Analysis of Resource Allocation
[Report by Saeed Mortazavi, September 1991]
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- WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Humboldt State University in representing the faculty is taking a stance for the purpose of better management and tracking of academic computing monies/resources; and
- WHEREAS, A general academic computing capability at Humboldt State University is important for most areas including the arts, behavioral sciences, humanities, natural resources, natural sciences, professional studies, and social sciences; and
- WHEREAS, Specific academic computing capabilities at Humboldt State are crucial for particular programs including Business Administration, Computer Information Systems, Environmental Resource Engineering, Math, and Social Science; and
- WHEREAS, The Academic and Administrative Computing Analysis of Resource Allocation report completed in September, 1991 highlighted problems in the adequacy of student and faculty workstations, the funding of academic computing, the staffing of academic computing, and the organization location for improvement and visibility, and the decision making process and planning; and
- WHEREAS, The Academic and Administrative Computing Analysis of Resource Allocation report completed in September, 1991 provided recommendations for replacement of the Academic Computing Planning Committee with a new Academic Computing Committee, for hiring a Director of Academic Computing, for establishing the Director of Academic Computing under the Vice President for Administrative Affairs at the same level as the Director for Computing and Telecommunications, and for allocation of computing funds by a special committee; and
- WHEREAS, The Vice President for Administrative Affairs has asked the Humboldt State University Academic Senate for advice on the Academic and Administrative Computing Analysis of Resource Allocation report completed in September, 1991; and
- WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Humboldt State University agrees that the problems found in the Academic and Administrative Computing Analysis of Resource Allocation report completed in September, 1991 are significant and require correction; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Humboldt State University believes that the budget situation for this year and the next few years is such that disallows the establishment of an additional high-level administrator; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Humboldt State University believes that any resources that might be available now to establish a new high-level administrator could be better used in direct support of the academic computing program; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Humboldt State University believes that even if the current budget situation allowed the establishment of a new high-level administrator such as a Director for Academic Computing, placing the administrator under the Vice President for Administrative Affairs would not provide solution to the problems cited in the Academic and Administrative Computing Analysis of Resource Allocation completed in September, 1991; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Humboldt State University believes that a reorientation of the Academic Computing Planning Committee and the Standing Committee for Computing Activity could significantly resolve some of the problems found in the Academic and Administrative Computing Analysis of Resource Allocation completed in September, 1991, without undue impact on the current budget situation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University express its appreciation to Vice President Del Biaggio for initiation of the effort that led to the Academic and Administrative Computing Analysis of Resource Allocation completed in September, 1991, and to Dr. Saeed Mortazavi for his effort in completing the analysis; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the Academic Computing Planning Committee and the Standing Committee for Computing Activity be restructured as in the attached document [Attachment A] in order to provide a significantly improved mechanism for distribution of computing funding and staffing resources between academic and administrative computing needs such that, within resource constraints, optimum benefit to the University accrues and in order to provide a decision making process and planning environment that favors neither academic nor administrative computing interests; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that resources (including but not limited to staff, equipment, software, and facilities) associated with academic computing be separated from Administrative Affairs and given to Academic Affairs as a responsibility; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recognizes the need to contribute to the overall maintenance of computer center academic computing capability (as instructionally used mainframes and telecommunications equipment, software, etc.) and so recommends

that appropriate adjustment of computing resource distribution be provided to Administrative Affairs to keep those equipments and associated software etc. "course-ready"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the funding associated with computing at Humboldt State University be apportioned and distributed to support the academic computing responsibility in Academic Affairs and to support the administrative and academic computing responsibility in Administrative Affairs.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING ACTIVITY (URPBC)

Duties: 1. Develops and coordinates strategic and operational plans to guide the distribution of computing funding and staffing resources for academic and administrative computing needs. Supervises the implementation of the plans.

2. Periodically reports status of plans and plans' implementations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Administrative Affairs, and the Academic Senate.

3. Provides recommendations for review by the University Resource Planning and Budget Committee (URPBC).

Chair: Elected from the membership for a two-year term.

Type: University

Meetings: Bi-weekly

Membership:

- Vice President for Academic Affairs (or designee)
- Vice President for Administrative Affairs (or designee)
- Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee)
- Vice President for University Relations (or designee)
- University Librarian (or designee)
- Director of Computing and Telecommunications
- Chair, Academic Computing Committee
- Two faculty members appointed for staggered three-year terms by the Senate Appointments Committee

ACADEMIC COMPUTING COMMITTEE

- Duties:
1. Provides advice to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for developing strategic and operational plans for establishing academic computing needs and for distribution of computing funding and staffing resources for academic computing needs. Reviews the implementation of the plans.
 2. Increase communications among the faculty of the various academic computing programs.
 3. Increase communications between the various users and the administrative hierarchy concerned with the Computer Center.
 4. Increase the ability of the various users to formally register their concerns, plans, and needs to the University.
 5. Recommendations from the Academic Computing Committee shall be made to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
 6. The meetings of the Academic Computing Planning Committee shall be open to all interested faculty and staff.
- Chair: A faculty member elected from the University at large by the faculty for a two-year term.
- Type: Ad-hoc subcommittee to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- Meetings: Bi-weekly (or more frequently when necessary)
- Membership:
- One faculty member elected by the faculty of each College/Library for two-year staggered terms.
 - Two faculty members elected from the University at large by the faculty for a two-year staggered term.
 - Two college ICCs elected from their number for two-year staggered terms.
 - One student member selected by the Student Legislative Council.