

ANNUAL REPORT TEMPLATE

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Annual Report

2006-2007

TO: Committee on Committees.
FROM: Erik T. Anderson, Chair of Information Technology Committee

The Information Technology Committee (ITC) met monthly during the 2006-2007 academic year. Not surprisingly, computer security was the predominant issue during the year. Other key topics that we considered were the Banner 7 upgrade, the pending WebCT/Blackboard course management system upgrade, and the newly formed Information Technology Advisory Group.

There are two issues for future consideration:

1. Computer security – Representatives from ITS kept the ITC well-informed about the computer security breaches that occurred at the university and the subsequent emergency computer security policies and procedural changes implemented in response to the breaches. The ITC was generally supportive of the new emergency policies. The committee is aware that ITS plans to implement additional computer security policies. It will be important for the ITC to remain actively involved in reviewing new IT-related policies.

2. Handling of personal information – Current UI policy allows staff and faculty to request confidentiality of address information and to opt out of non official business contacts. The ITC recommends that the Faculty Council investigate current policy and consider recommending that the default values for personal information be set to "confidential" and "opt out."

The ITC chair would like to recognize Nancy Krogh, Registrar, and Gene Merrell, Assistant Vice President for Research, for their active participation on the committee and for their engagement with IT issues at the university.