ACADEMIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Academic Information Technology (AIT) committee is a standing Subcommittee of the of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P). It is the consultative committee for all matters relating to academic information technology planning, resources, policies, procedures, and evaluation and relating the use of technologies in instruction, research, and faculty development.

The committee's area of concern is policy recommendation, planning and operational monitoring of the academic development and utilization of Information Technology (IT) offered by the University, including advisory oversight of centralized University IT organizations such as the Communication, Computing, and Media Services (CCMS) and the Academic Innovation Center (AIC)

The committee consists of:

1. Faculty: Nine to be appointed by AP&P, one from each School and one from the Library. Appointees should be selected from those whose areas of interest and expertise are closely related to the concerns of the committee and the Information Technology concerns of their academic units.

2. Student: One student to be appointed by the Associated Student, Inc.

3. Ex-Officio:

    A.   As a non-voting member, the Provost (or Designee) whose duties are closely related to the committee's area of concern.

    B.   The Directors of CCMS and AIC (or designees) whose duties are closely related to the committee's area of concern.

    C.   As non-voting members, the directors of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services (or designees) whose duties are closely related to the committee's area of concern.

The Committee's primary goal is to foster and coordinate the proliferation of Information Technology among the academic

units within the University to enrich instruction, research and other creative activities of the campus student population and academic personnel. The Committee's specific duties include:

1. Make policy recommendations to the Academic Senate via its parent body (AP&P) on matters relating to the development and utilization of information technology.

2. Advise and initiate recommendations and/or review recommendations made by centralized IT providers (e.g., CCMS, AIC, Central Valley Internet Project, etc.) on the planning, adoption and acquisition of information technology resources, policies, procedures and evaluation.

3. Help foster the cooperation and mutual support among decentralized information technology operations within academic units and with centralized providers of IT resources and expertise.

4. Maintain liaison with various campus IT resources and expertise entities such as CCMS, AIC, California Agricultural Technology Institute and the decentralized technical support operation

5. When requested by the Academic Senate, AP&P, or the Provost, the committee may assume an advisory oversight role over centralized IT provider organizations possibly to help facilitate strategic planning, identifying essential missions, objectives and priorities, or reorganization in performing this role, the committee may form ad-hoc team(s), drawing on additional talents from faculty with some needed expertise as needed.

6. Identify information items that should be publicized to the university community (faculty, students, administration, and community) about the status of information resources, new developments, problems and issues, opportunities, etc.

The Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) is the final policy-recommending committee for the Academic Senate, but any alteration by AP&P to policy recommendations coming from the subcommittee will normally take place only after appropriate consultation by AP&P with the subcommittee. Appropriate consultation here means that in the event AP&P wishes to alter policy recommendations coming from the subcommittee, AP&P or its assigned representatives will meet with

the subcommittee to present AP&P proposed changes and to hear the subcommittee's views on these proposals. AP&P will then reconvene to reconsider its proposed changes in light of the subcommittee's views before AP&P forwards it's final recommendation to the Academic Senate.