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Members Present: O. Benavides (Chair), R. Amarasinghe, J. Cagle,
K. Moffitt, H. Park, D. Martin, D. Nef, P. Newell,
M. Yousef.

Members Absent: S. Seepersad, E. Nelson, R. Parker,
M. Bach (Information Technology Support Council
(ITSC), L. Harding.

Visitor: C. Hancock, T. Siechert, J. Michael.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Otto Benavides at 12:10 p.m. in the Education Building room # 499.

1. Minutes. Approval of the Minutes of September 24, 2007, were postponed.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
None.
4. Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) Update – Transforming Course Design.

Otto Benavides gave a background on the CSU Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC), its origin, its membership, and its purpose. He then reviewed the highlights of ATAC's Transforming Course Design project—its purpose, the timeline, etc.

The Academic Information Technology (AIT) Committee discussed the project. Dennis Nef distributed a list of courses that meets the criteria of the project. There was some discussion of courses with the largest number of students with low grades.

MSC to recommend that the Provost give serious consideration to include MATH 45, 75, 76, & 77 and DS 71 & 73 in this program.

It was argued that these courses would have the widest impact on students across the university because of the centrality of math skills. It was observed that the Math faculty have great experience with technology and are doing other things to address the problem of student low performance, including a qualifying test.

AIT expressed some concern about the ATAC timeframe vs. the need to do it right.

5. Software Licenses.

The committee continued discussion of the critical need for essential software needed in instruction (e.g., AutoDesk, SPSS, etc.) and the need for a better on-going solution to acquisition at reasonable and reliable costs. Centralized purchasing is an attractive solution, but it is important to have campus representation to ensure that essential software is included.

MSC to adjourn (2:30 p.m.)

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Information Technology Committee (AIT) will be October 22, 2007.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 10/8/07.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. State of Learning Management System - Brent Auernheimer.
5. Advice on Web Support Council.