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Members Present: O. Benavides (Chair), B. Auernheimer, J. Cagle,  
K. Moffitt, D. Nef, E. Nelson, R. Parker,  
M. Yousef.

Members Absent: R. Stathum (Student), D. Martin.

Visitor: M. Bach.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Benavides at 1:10 p.m. in the Education Building room # 316.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2007.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

O. Benavides invited the Academic Information Technology (AIT) members to a demo of SmartBoard at 1 pm Tuesday, 3-13-07 in Education Building #404. A few other hardware and software items will also be demonstrated.

USMF is having a Student Media Festival in October 2007 in Anaheim, CA. Please help spread the word.

4. Discussion about SPSS and Other Software Licenses.

B. Auernheimer gave background on the SPSS contract. The broader problem of software licenses for the campus was discussed, including the need for a clear and effective mechanism of facilitate and manage the acquisition of cost effective site licenses. The integration of software into the design of curriculum and research make adequate site licenses compelling. The idea of a motion expressing the academic need was discussed as a possible response. Advantages and disadvantages of centralized (statewide and/or campuswide) management vs. local were discussed.

There are certain resources the faculty must have in order to teach. AutoCAD and SPSS are among these “must have” programs. The state needs to support these infrastructure costs.

The committee decided to ask O. Benavides to write a Memorandum to the Provost on behalf of the committee advising her about the importance and necessary of providing this software as part of the infrastructure. E. Nelson, J. Cagle, and M. Yousef will draft a letter.

5. Horizon Report.

An interesting report has been released from New Media Consortium. O. Benavides will distribute for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Student Recording of Classes with Cell Phones or Other Devices.

This problem was prompted for discussion by a letter from a student at CSU Chico. The recording of audio, video, and images raises many questions—good things such as taking notes, but bad things as well such as copying test questions during an examination. What is the law regarding recording in a classroom?

O. Benavides will invite J. Redd-Williams to the committee to discuss the legal context for this area.

6. iTunes University Update.

O. Benavides gave an update on the draft of the iTunes document.

7. Other.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Information Technology Committee (AIT) will be Monday, 4/9/07 at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Building room # 316. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.