1983-84 Annual Report of the Computer Policy Committee

Regular monthly meetings of the Computer Policy Committee were held from October through May, with several special meetings scheduled as warranted. Two subcommittees—the Academic Needs Subcommittee and the Monitoring Subcommittee—met regularly throughout the year. The Monitoring Subcommittee worked directly with the Director of CSD on such matters as special computing requests. The Academic Needs Subcommittee met often to design and conduct a survey of academic computing needs, to draft recommendations for academic computing at UWM, and to consider a policy position on "computer literacy."

As in 1982-83, there was not an active administrative users' subcommittee. An ad hoc subcommittee examined the role of the administrative users' on the CPC and recommended that a permanent subcommittee be established. The status of this proposal, and of the administrative membership itself, is being further examined as the year closes.

The relationship between the CPC and the Task Force on Academic Computing (an issue for last year's CPC) was generally clarified during the year. The CPC provided its own set of priorities for academic computing. It is the CPC's understanding that its recommended priorities will be taken into account in the drafting of the Vice Chancellor's academic computing plan and, further, that the CPC will have the opportunity to review that plan prior to its implementation.

The most time-consuming of the CPC's activities was the development of a campus-wide survey of departments and individual faculty members on current and future needs for computing resources. The survey was designed by the Academic Needs Subcommittee and carried out with the active support of SSRf, CSD, University Services, and other volunteer resources (CPC has no regular staff or budget). The resulting report served as a basis for the CPC's academic computing priorities. Both the survey results and the recommendations were forwarded for the Vice Chancellor's consideration in March/April.

As yet the CPC has not developed a formal position on computer literacy, but expects to devote significant attention to this in the future.

Although the committee was preoccupied with academic computing during most of 1983-84, late in the year it turned its attention to various topics related to administrative computing (e.g., information services in the Golda Meir Library). The CPC reaffirms its role in dealing with all phases of computing at UWM, and expects to pursue a broader agenda of topics in 1984-85.

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