COMPUTER POLICY COMMITTEE

Annual Report, 1991-92 Academic Year

The Computer Policy Committee met three times in the fall semester and twice in the spring semester to discuss and review policies and plans regarding computing on the UWM campus. As in previous years, the CPC has monitored the utilization of computing resources, particular patterns of use of mainframe computing. The CPC has been pleased at the relatively easy phase-in of the Convex mainframe as the 1100 machine was phased out.

The CPC participated in plans to install a fiber optic backbone system on campus. The CPC believes it is important that computing networks on campus be designed to facilitate a wide range of research and instructional uses.

In order to facilitate closer contact with UWM administrators, the CPC invited Acting Vice Chancellor Kenneth Watters and Assistant Chancellor Paul Haubrich to attend a meeting on October 25, 1991. CPC members discussed several issues with Watters and Haubrich, including concerns about the proposed fiber optic network to be installed on campus and upgrades to University mainframe computers.

The CPC constituted multiple subcommittees this year to devise reports on special problems and needs relating to computing. One subcommittee prepared a report and set of recommendations concerning a campus policy on access to network news systems. The report and recommendations were considered and approved by the full CPC and forwarded to the Vice Chancellor. A second subcommittee reviewed issues related to installation and operation of campus computer networks and proposed a set of recommendations to be forwarded to UWM administrators. The full CPC reviewed the recommendations and approved them for forwarding to the Vice Chancellor. Other subcommittees are currently considering campus computing as it relates to instructional media and graphic output devices.

The CPC elected one of its members, Leonard Levine, to serve on a team assigned the responsibility for reviewing the operations of the Computer Services Division. The review site visit is scheduled for May. The CPC will review the site visit report once the review is completed.

Committee Members:

Pamela Aker, Chemistry
Swaranjit Arora, Economics
Alan Baron, Psychology
Alan Corre, Hebrew Studies
Vincent Cronin, Geosciences
Arun Garg, Ind. & System Engineering
William Haseman, Business Admin.
Gregory Iverson, Linguistics
Robert Jones, Grad. School (ex officio)
Stephen Percy, Political Sci. (Chair)
Ray Ross, Student
Anthony Scharnky, Architecture
Neil Trilling, CSD, (ex officio)
William Van Pelt, English & Comp. Lit.