Educational Media Policy Committee


The EMPC met seven times during the year. Rob Yeo was elected chair. Secretarial duties rotated among several members, although meeting notes were taken primarily by David Stack from I&MT.

A web page was maintained containing the full set of EMPC agendas, minutes, related documents, and relevant links: (http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/EMPC).

I. Membership on Related Committees
Jon Welstead and Edward Mabry shared the duties as EMPC faculty representative on the Advisory Committee on Educational Technology Fees.

Wendy Young attended meetings of the Physical Environment Committee to help keep the EMPC up-to-date on campus remodeling plans, particularly with regard to media-supported classrooms and labs. Young also served as the EMPC representative on the Bolton Hall Classroom Planning Committee.

Johanna Dvorak represented EMPC on the Distance Education Academic Infrastructure Committee (DEAIC).

Rob Yeo represented the EMPC on the Learning Through Technology - Campus Roundtable, for the further development the UWM's Technology Plan.

Thom Holme represented the EMPC on the new Ad-Hoc EMS Classroom Planning Committee.

Nancy Frank was appointed by the Vice Chancellor to represent the EMPC on the Remote Access Committee (RAC) to address the questions concerning dial-up computer access to the campus computer network.

II. Reports from Campus Units

Meeting #2: The committee met with Vice Chancellor/Provost Kenneth Watters to discuss some of the primary campus issues concerning the EMPC, including the implementation of the Learning Through Technology Plan, developing a web site plan and policy, improving the access instructional staff have to technology, utilizing the LTC, and integrating technology requests into the planning process. The committee reviewed a draft copy of the "Computer Acquisition Program," and provided response to this innovative program.

Meeting #3: The EMPC met with I&MT Director Joe Douglas to respond to his report on Information & Media Technologies planning and activities.

Meeting #5: The EMPC met with Carla Garham regarding UWM's part in the Internet 2 project and the vBNS infrastructure.
Meeting #7: The committee met with John Grozik of I&MT to review the revised policies governing use of classroom media resources.

EMPC chair Rob Yeo attended a meeting with the University Committee, Ken Watters, Joe Douglas, Sona Andrews, and the Computer Policy Committee to discuss technology issues at UWM. As a followup, Yeo sent the UC a memo encouraging them to reinstitute the semesterly meetings between the UC and the chairs of the CPC, EMPC, Library, and Research Policy committees. The UC will also be invited to send one of their members to the annual meeting of the EMPC and the Vice Chancellor, which occurs early in the fall semester.

III. Issues and Actions

Classrooms: The committee monitored the transfer of responsibility for classroom scheduling to Academic Affairs, including the relocation of Allen Meier's office into the Classroom Support suite where the new "hotline" is housed. As anticipated, this consolidation is providing benefits such as the coordination of hotline calls with reassignment of the classroom, when necessary.

The EMPC began an examination of the relationship between campus computer labs, departmental labs and computer classrooms. The committee also provided input regarding I&MT's relationship to departmentally-controlled tech classrooms, and made recommendations for policies regulating faculty use of classroom technologies. The EMPC was also asked to provide input as the campus prepares an annual budget for classroom maintenance and upkeep.

Assessment of Campus Technology Resource Levels: The committee suggests that, in order to coordinate current usage and assist future planning, some form of audit or survey be initiated to systematically determine the campus technology resources, as well as expressed needs. Additionally, in order to set goals for technology support, it would also be valuable to determine what benchmarks exist for peer institutions. As a starting point, it is recommended that the annual "Student Computer Lab Survey" be expanded to provide additional information regarding hours of operation, costs, needs, and population served.

Other: The committee provided a response to the draft of the UW system-wide, "Pilot Distance Education Funding Policies for Credit Instruction."

Future Action: At the request of the Vice Chancellor (04/30/98), the EMPC will begin next year by examining instructional use of web technology.

1997-98 EMPC Membership: Melissa Barlow (Social Welfare), Anoop Dhingra (Mech Eng), Johanna Dvorak (TARC), Nancy Frank (SAUP), Thomas Holme (Chemistry), Byoung Kim (Comm Sci Dis), Edward Mabry (Communication), Jon Welstead (Music), Wendy Young (Library), Robert Yeo (Film). Ex-officio members: Kate Davy (SFA), Anthony Ciccone (CIPD), Mark Krueger (DOCEX), Joe Douglas (I&MT), Peter Watson-Boone (Library), plus Sona Andrews, Academic Affairs Liaison.