1975-76 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMPUTER POLICY COMMITTEE

By the end of the academic year 1975-76, the Computer Policy Committee will have met 16 times. Unfortunately due to the changes in the method of electing student members of the Committee, this CPC was not able to hold its first meeting until October 20. Since then it held regular meetings twice a month and special meetings on call.

The principal charge made to the Committee by the administration was the development of policy especially relative to 1) centralization versus decentralization of control of hardware, 2) administrative computing priorities, 3) allocation of resources with CSD, 4) security, 5) interactive computing plans, and 6) long-range hardware planning and evaluation.

To carry out this charge a "Steering Committee" coordinated by Professor Robert Moore developed a schema for organizing the planning work and establishing communication with users. Seven task forces were developed in the following areas to communicate with users, analyze and prioritize needs, and draft policies: Instruction (Prof. Levine), Computer assisted instruction (Mr. Schaeffer), Graphics (Prof. Jules), Minicomputers (Prof. Hanson), Research (Prof. Moody), Administration (Ms. Beaudreau), Public Service (Prof. Fazio).

These task forces will submit final reports to the CPC in April so that the Committee may make its policy recommendations to the Administration by mid-May.

The Committee heard a number of requests for hardware purchases, software acquisitions, and special service requirements.

It approved a study to determine backlog and rollback problems on the 1106 and on the basis of the analysis authorized immediate enhancement of the 1106.

In authorizing and approving hardware purchases, the Committee consistently reaffirmed that the base funding of the CSD and necessary enhancements to the 1106 should not be impaired by any purchases of new equipment.

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