

## NOTES FROM THE FACET MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2002 at 4:30 PM in 238 MacNider

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**Members present:** Minchew, Reid (co-chairs), Harward, Juliano, Kane, Keller, McCartney, McClendon, Oxford, Rao, Reisner, Schmidt

1. **Charge to the Committee** Dr. McCartney reiterated the charge for the committee to be the “brains and the brakes” in advising her regarding the effective use of educational technology in the School of Medicine. In the current economic climate, stakeholder input is more important than usual in making good decisions regarding the use of educational technology. In making these decisions the committee should consider: a) technology skeptics as well as enthusiasts, b) both student and faculty needs and input, c) the importance of effectively equipping new facilities, d) interfacing effectively with UNC Hospitals and the Health Care System, and e) interfacing effectively with AHEC.

2. **Computer Requirement** For the first time since the requirement was instituted in 1999, two students have declined to purchase the OIS-configured CCI laptop. In one case the student had already purchased a laptop prior to enrolling and insists on using it. In the other case, a student plans to share the computer already purchased by her sister, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student.

**Question:** Should we recommend changes to the existing computer requirement?

Issues discussed included: a) feasibility of two students using the same PC concerning technical support, students’ schedules, and the impact of on-line testing; b) support costs associated with a heterogeneous PC population; c) the feasibility of specifying a more moderately equipped (and priced) PC.

**Motion 1** (Oxford): The committee recommends reaffirming the laptop requirement in its current form. Passed unanimously.

**Motion 2** (Kane): The committee recommends that OIS investigate the feasibility of specifying a less expensive CCI laptop as the required PC and that the committee reexamine this issue at a future meeting. Passed unanimously. Dr. McCartney recommended that 4<sup>th</sup> year course directors’ input be sought in this discussion.

**Recommendation** (Who?) A “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)” document accompanying the laptop requirement could address most issues that prospective purchasers have. Ms. Juliano accepted the task of creating an initial draft to be posted on the committee’s web page for input from the committee.

3. **Committee Meetings** Members present agreed that monthly meetings were appropriate and that 4:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month was an acceptable meeting time.
4. **Other business** was deferred to a future meeting.