

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the  
**UNIVERSITY COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC  
COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE**

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**Annual Report  
of FSUCECC, the  
University Computer and Electronics Communication Committee**

Agenda, minutes and special reports of the FSUCECC are available on-line at the committee website, URL: <http://people.umass.edu/fsucecc/>.

The FSUCECC held eight regular meetings and four ad hoc executive meetings during the fall and spring of 2002-2003.

Agenda items that occupied the committee included:

- 1) **Implementation of the PeopleSoft administrative software system.** The FSUCECC Chair and Secretary held ad hoc meetings with (1) the business managers of NSM to examine how their organization helps them deal with PeopleSoft Reporting Issues. They alerted us that the HR/Financials problems were being dealt with using a Liaison Group. (2) Rosio Alvarez and the Help Desk Staff Directors to determine the method of PeopleSoft problem triage. (3) Administrative Systems Director, Jackie Watrous, and her staff to learn how they went about devising the HR/Financials Liaison Group. (4) The Rules Committee to learn about the resolve of the leadership to achieve a solution to the SIS faculty interface problems. We met with these bodies to gather information and testimony in preparation for our regular meetings where we sought to understand the problems that plagued both the HR/Financials and the separate SIS implementation of the software. This was an effective organization, which led to the major accomplishment of the committee for the year which was the Special Report concerning THE STUDENT INFORMATION SERVICE (SIS) DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION presented at the 615th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate, March 13, 2003.
- 2) **Examination of the Memo of Understanding between *UMass Online* and *UMass Amherst*.** Jack Wilson, CEO of UMass Online, who explained to us the philosophy and commitments of his organization to education and the UMass Amherst Campus, visited us. Several aspects of the MOU were clarified.
- 3) **Security of the Network.** Scott Conti of OIT reviewed the philosophy of OIT on network security that he described as an alert reactive stance. OIT is able to respond quickly to isolate problems and problem machines on campus as they arise and isolate them from the rest of the campus.
- 4) **Classroom Connectivity.** The committee heard from people on campus about current progress and future plans to implement use of electronic communication technology in the classroom. We heard from Mary Deane Sorcinelli, Assoc Provost for Teaching & Faculty Development, Patricia Kochin from Academic Computing at OIT, and Steve Brewer representing Pew Grant Research.

Respectfully submitted,  
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