

ACADEMIC COMPUTER PLANNING COMMITTEE
Monday, November 17, 2003, 4:10 – 5:10 p.m.
Library Conference Room

PRESENT: Camille Aidala, Jerry Denno, Diane Enerson Jim Feuerstein, Cathy Kirby, Scott Smith, Ed Wiltsie
In absentia: Mary Carlson

Ed Wiltsie reported on Information Literacy:

Need to decide soon if Information Literacy will be mandated as part of freshman seminar because of Middle States visit in Spring 2006. Ed thinks that adding more to curriculum is hard. He asks, "How do we staff freshman seminar?" Ed mentioned that Dave Chatham did present report to the Curriculum Committee, and suggested that perhaps Dave can bring it back to them for review. Ed also stated that information literacy is much broader than the kind of technology skills done in initial screening. There exists on the Freshman Seminar Website an online version of Information Literacy in order for it to be accessed by anyone. However, Ed pointed out that it was not designed to be instructor-free. Paul Morrie had very positive feedback regarding the Information Literacy component used in Freshman Seminar. Jim suggested that 4 or 5 faculty might be recruited to use it in a second pilot phase in the Fall. Jim also suggested that perhaps Information Literacy could be made a component of Freshman English and spread over two semesters with same instruction for fall and spring. Ed agreed but thought that Jim's idea would probably get voted down.

Other issues surfaced regarding Freshman Seminar:

- Is there a standardized curriculum for freshman seminar or not? Some design their own text to consolidate curriculum. Students are made to buy textbook then don't use it.
- Diane raised other questions to the Committee: How do transfer students become acculturated? She stated that it is going to be very important for Middle States. We need to be clear on what we are doing in this area, how well we are doing it, and what are our plans for the future.
- Ed stated that he would like to see Information Literacy enthusiastically adopted by Freshman faculty and connected with curriculum from start to finish. This would take real rethinking of the course.
- It was reiterated that it would be a good idea for Ed, Alan and Dave to represent this proposal to the Curriculum Committee, mentioning the success of Paul Morris. People tend to listen better when there is more ground support.

There was additional discussion regarding the need to screen students regarding their technology skills. It was suggested that committee members research other colleges to gather information on the acquisition of information technology skills..

Cathy will bring to ITSC the suggestion that ACPC review instructional technology requests before going to ITSC (proposals less than \$10,000), The requests would be reviewed for quality and outcomes of project.

Next meeting scheduled for 1/19/04.