

COVER SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Date March 10, 1977

Report Number (For Senate Use Only)

767-4

Name of Committee Submitting Report Computer Committee

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.) _____

Chartered

Names of Committee members: Bartholow, Dastoli, Driscoll, Englehardt, Feitler, Lovas, Santos, Sturm, Eyrich, Biviano, Jonas, Prince

Please write a brief summary of the report which the Committee is submitting to the Senate: (attach complete report)

The Computer Committee has recommended to the Data Services Committee and the Budget Committee "that a block of time totaling 2,000 computer center personnel hours be allocated next year to assist academic users in their computer related problems, needs and applications apart from the time allocated by the multi-year planning program."

Do you anticipate making a formal motion relative to the report? No

If so, state the motion: _____

If there are substantive changes made from the floor in your committee recommendation, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to committee for further consideration? N/A

Other relevant data: NO OKAL REPORT NEEDED IF ONE PAGE REPORT CIRCULATED.

JA

Chairman (please initial)

Report

Senate Computer Committee

We are continuing our review of circumstances which tend to inhibit or delay effective utilization of the computer facilities by the academic users.

We have identified an item in the allocation of the time of the computer center personnel which may relate to this. Although reports received by this committee are not completely consistent, a line item "estimation and consultation" has apparently been applied to solving minor problems which arise in applications, but this item was perhaps originally intended to cover only evaluation of project proposals and to assist in determining the time required for long term or major development projects.

In order to provide clearly for assistance to academic users in developing applications on a timely basis, the following action was taken by the Senate Computer Committee on March 10, 1977.

We "recommend to the Data Services and Budget Committees... that a block of time totaling 2,000 computer center personnel hours be allocated for the next year to assist academic users in their computer related problems, needs and applications apart from the time allocated by the multi-year planning program."

We do not intend that this replace the "estimation and consultation" item, but would be a specific dedication of time to assist in resolving problems that arise in academic applications.

Since our last report we have also formulated a recommendation for resolving a problem that exists with regard to accounts designated by the FC prefix. These accounts were intended to serve for support of instructional (classroom) applications, but have proved difficult to manage because they are defined on a basis of course codes which change quarterly. We have recommended to the computer center that FC accounts be formulated by using a code for identification of the user and his department to provide for effective use of FC accounts throughout the academic year. Thus a faculty member could use a single number throughout the year for a given subject and renew ~~it~~ annually in a manner equivalent to FR accounts.

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Date of Senate Action May 6, 1977

Action taken by the Senate _____ accepted and filed _____

Other formal motions: (indicate pass or fail) _____

Amendments: (indicate pass or fail) _____

Other action: _____

Matter sent on to _____,

requesting the following action: _____

(signed) Jim Kelly