Agenda, April 26, 2002
CCGB Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes of 4/19/02 Meeting
2. Undergraduate Announcements
3. BME Minor Discussion (with Mike Shuler)
4. Letter to Bob Cooke with Regard to Impact of Residential Internet Fees

CCGB Minutes
April 19, 2002


Ex-Officio:  D. Cox, B. East, D. Maloney Hahn, J. Saylor, C. Seyler, K. M. Smith, T. Thompson

Other:  J. Gerner, C. Pakkala

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 12, 2002 were approved as written.

Undergraduate Announcements: B. East (Admissions) mentioned that today (4/19) is a big day for hosting because there are 38 underrepresented students on campus who arrived last night and 130 people (60 students and their families) on campus for SWE. She thanked the faculty and staff for all of their assistance during the hosting events.

Report from FABIT on internet connection rates for students: Jennifer Gerner (Dean, Human Ecology) reported on behalf of FABIT (Faculty Advisory Board of Information Technology), of which she is a member along with several engineering faculty. Members of this group are appointed by the Provost and Faculty Senate, and they serve in an advisory role to the Provost and Polley McClure. J. Gerner stated that the student Resnet rate increase had NOT been discussed with FABIT, but she is willing to raise the issue with the group. B. East (Admissions) mentioned that the Resnet fee is slated to be included with financial aid in 2003. J. Gerner responded that it is unfortunate that nothing can be done for AY 2002-2003. S. Wicker (ECE) asked if FABIT has any regulatory power or just advisory power. J. Gerner replied that their power is purely advisory, and basically they receive some money from the Provost to do things such as classroom improvements. She emphasized that FABIT needs to be included in discussions such as the Resnet fee increase. Communication with the Provost is rather difficult since she does not come to the FABIT meetings, but they sometimes send her letters regarding important issues that arise. D. Ruppert (ORIE) stated that the biggest issue appears to be how CIT operates, and he wondered if they report to the Provost. Gerner replied that P. McClure is a CIT representative, and she reports directly to the Provost. She added that, although FABIT thinks of itself as a board of directors for facilities, they really only get informed after the fact about many issues. She mentioned that in the past a memo from CIT regarding a price increase for hubs came out to departments and faculty, but FABIT wasn’t involved with that. This memo upset the faculty, so they met with P. McClure and the Provost, the Financial Policies Committee and FABIT to discuss the new pricing and the need for notification prior to changes being made. D. Cox (Assist. Dean) said that the timing is incredibly poor for the Resnet fee increases, and that the internet usage in dorm rooms is likely to increase because many teaching processes are becoming internet-based. T. Jordan (Assoc. Dean) stated that at the pre-freshman briefing the ChemE seniors told parents that they use e-mail in their room, but they use the computer labs for homework because the software required for their homework is site licensed. C. Cox emphasized that Student Services are increasingly designed for completion via the internet. T. Healey (T&AM) said that many instructors have course notes online. J. Saylor (Eng. Library) added that many of the library resources are online. M. Duncan (ChemE) said that the ChemE students are heavy users of the
introduced. D. Ruppert stated that the homework for his class is available via the internet only, as well as much of the material that is an integral part of his course. S. Wicker (ECE) asked if there was a mechanism for faculty to give feedback to the Provost on future issues. J. Gerner replied that the Faculty Senate does that. The Faculty Senate only recently viewed FABIT as being a part of the Senate, and B. Cooke (Dean of Faculty) contacts them occasionally to ask if they have issues. She recommended that the CCGB charge her with returning to FABIT to tell them that the engineering faculty are upset with the Resnet rate increase and do not want the faculty left out of similar decisions in the future. The committee crafted a motion expressing to FABIT (to be sent also to B. Cooke) strong concern about faculty exclusion from discussions leading to the Resnet rate increase.

**Motion:** Whereas decisions on internet pricing and services affect the ready and equal access of Engineering College students (and all Cornell students) to internet-based academic programs and academic services, the Engineering College Curriculum Governing Board (CCGB) asks Jennifer Gerner to express to FABIT the following:

1) CCGB feels that the Resnet pricing decision for the 2002-2003 academic year negatively impacts our ability to deliver our academic programs and services
2) FABIT or another faculty organization should participate in making university decisions that have a large impact on CIT’s pricing and availability of services to students.

The motion passed with 8 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

**Directors/Chairs Suggestions for Better Communication with CCGB:** T. Jordan (Assoc. Dean) spoke on behalf of the CCGB at the Directors & Chairs Meeting. Although they think that the CCGB is doing fine with its semi-autonomous rule of governance, they are in favor of having regular faculty meetings when the new dean arrives. They felt that the CCGB could improve its communication with the faculty by distributing via e-mail a weekly summary of the CCGB meetings (with the agenda for the upcoming meeting). F. Gouldin (M&AE) suggested that an abbreviated (bulleted) version of the minutes be sent to the faculty which includes actions taken. T. Healey (T&AM) agreed that directors and chairs need to know what’s occurring, and was in favor of sending them e-mail. He added that it would be good for archival purposed to have a short version of the minutes.

**Not on Agenda But Mentioned:** F. Gouldin (M&AE) stated that the Liberal Studies Committee had met that week and discussed ABET and the liberal studies requirement. He said that C. Van Loan (CS) has resigned from the committee due to other commitments.

T. Jordan (Assoc. Dean) mentioned that the Bovay Ethics Search Committee has a candidate arriving on April 30th. The candidate is named Michael Davis, and he will give a talk in 128 Olin Hall from 12:00-2:00 on April 30th. Lunch will be provided, and everyone is invited to attend.

R. Kay (EAS) stated that the Arts College will vote on their distribution requirements with 5 categories. P. Lewis (Arts Dean) has provided a 5 page advocacy of changing the requirements. It is uncertain how the potential change would impact engineering. He agreed to forward the distribution requirements information to F. Gouldin and S. Wicker (ECE).

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.