

Information Technology Planning Group (ITPG)

- ITPG formed in September 1998 to do IT Planning and to identify areas that require greater attention by the campus
- Makes specific recommendations for action to the CNC
- Identified and ranked those campus IT issues (listed below) considered urgent
- Formed Subcommittees to better focus on Directory Services and Security Issues
- Identified issues already being addressed by other CNC subcommittees, i.e., Unified Data Network Group replacing NOC and New Campus Backbone Planning under the CNC BEG
- Deferred Planning & Funding, the highest ranking issue, until more concrete issues addressed, except to point out the need for ongoing - not just start up - funding for new services / facilities
- Student Access and Dial-up Access were combined as one topic which has been the focus of the most recent meetings
 - Need to verify ITPG assumption that, in the near future, UCSB will require access to electronic instructional resources
 - Goal is to come up with a range of options for an appropriate infrastructure
 - Useful not only for faculty, but also for any content providers that are building systems to be accessed by students
 - Research is underway to determine the current state of open access is at UCSB
 - Once current capabilities/problems are understood, we can then determine what is needed to provide the required access to electronic instructional resources
 - The student access portion of the 1997 UCOP study on Information Technology will be used as a guideline, adapting their numbers to UCSB's specific needs
 - Close to completing our research
 - What we have discovered so far is that a lot of the equipment is old, and there aren't any existing budget mechanisms to maintain or replace it.

We would appreciate any feedback that the ITB has on our effort. And finally, now that the ITB has been formed, there may be additional issues that the ITB would like us to research or address.