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Network Advisory Committee Formed

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Another new addition to the network structure at UF is the creation of the Network Advisory Committee (NAC). The committee, which was formed in March 1997, cooperates with NERDC and CIRCA in addressing UF campus-wide technology issues. The group receives input from the members of the Network Technical Advisory Committee (see "Network Technical Advisory Committee Formed" in July 1997 Update) and the Video Advisory Committee (VAC).

The committee's mission is to "recommend policies, strategies and direction for the digital and video networking infrastructure of the University," according to Dr. Gary Koehler, Eminent Scholar, Decision & Information Sciences, who chairs the committee.

NTAC and VAC, the advisory subcommittees, make recommendations to the Network Advisory Committee when policy issues are being studied and the subcommittees' technical expertise is needed. Also, the subcommittees can request policy decisions from the NAC. When policy recommendations are final, those recommendations are forwarded to Dr. Gene Hemp, vice provost for the University of Florida, for his final consideration, says Koehler.

So far, NAC is concentrating on a variety of issues, some of which include: Internet2, videoconferencing, distance learning, student computer ownership issues, GatorLink, keeping current, support by coordinated distributed providers, interrelatedness issues (such as standards, etc.), classroom technology, relationship with local service providers, and technical support for academic units.

According to Koehler, "NAC recently approved a proposal developed by NTAC for the core network technology (ATM) and possible providers."

Dr. Koehler can be reached at koehler@nervm.cns.ufl.edu.

Another avenue of input is through the UF Office of the Vice Provost at (352) 392-1301 or through the members of NTAC or VAC.

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