

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Pascal Scoles, Chair of the Institution Wide Committee

FROM: Jody Bauer & Arnold DiBlasi, Co-chairs of the TCC

DATE: November 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Agenda item submission

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**At the November 18, 2009, meeting of the Technology Coordinating Standing Committee the membership approved a recommendation to forward the Academic Affairs Restructuring – Closing Department of Academic Computing to the Institution Wide Committee for consideration.**

**The TCC approved the recommendation by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 5 in the negative. The attachment states the item presented to the TCC as considered at the November 18, 2009 standing committee meeting.**

**TCC motion:**

***The question is on the adoption of the motion that the TCC recommend their support of the recommendation from Vice President Gay that the Department of Academic Computing be replaced by the tentatively titled administrative unit Academic Technology as stated in the November 11, 2009, memorandum Academic Affairs Restructuring – Closing Department of Academic Computing.***

**Dr. Gay has asked that this item be added to the December 2009 meeting of the IWC. The co-chairs of the TCC respectfully submit this for your action.**

**Cc Judith Gay  
Technology Coordinating Committee**

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## OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Technology Coordinating Committee  
**FROM:** Judith Gay  
**DATE:** November 11, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Academic Affairs Restructuring – Closing Department of Academic Computing

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This proposal is a recommendation to close the Department of Academic Computing effective Spring 2010. This recommendation completes a broader proposal first presented to the TCC in June 2008 that included a realignment of units into divisions based on commonalities in missions. The decision to close the Department of Academic Computing is based on a review of documents related to the creation of the department; discussions with the faculty in the department; and, a review of organizational structures and options for similarly functioning units in other higher education institutions.

In 2008, as part of the broader realignment in Academic Affairs, the instructional aides in Academic Computing were to become members of the Learning Laboratories Department. This change was recommended through the College standing committees and approved by the President during the past academic year. I expect the details of that move to be completed by Spring 2010. With the move of the instructional aides, the Academic Computing Department no longer provides services to students. The unit will focus on institutional and faculty support related to technology. Thus, this unit is no longer consistent with academic departments at our College and other Colleges which have a central focus on students and particularly on student learning.

Closing the Department of Academic Computing means the two full time faculty members will be laid off. However, their credentials meet the requirements for the Computer Technologies (CT) Department (as evaluated by a faculty committee and as agreed to by the department head and the former dean and current Assistant Dean). Both faculty members will be able to become full time members of the CT department because of the number of courses available for them to teach. One faculty member has expressed an interest in serving as the administrator for the new administrative unit, released from his time as a faculty member. This administrative unit is tentatively titled “Academic Technology” and will continue to be housed in the Division of Flexible Learning Options and Academic Technology.

After discussion at your meeting, please forward this document with any comments and your recommendation to the IWC. In order for the faculty to assume responsibilities in a new academic department, this recommendation needs to move to the IWC before that Committee’s December meeting.

Thank you.

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