

Minutes: Web Policy Review Committee
April 30, 2002

The Web Policy Review Committee convened on April 30, 2002 at 2:10 p.m. in the CIT Conference Room, J. Eugene Smith Library. In attendance were committee members Mike Berlin, Steve Frazier, Ross Koning, David Stoloff, Ben Webman and Julie Vecchitto; student representative Fred Gordon did not attend. (The committee still needs two students to be appointed. SGA President Fred Gordon is working on this.) Also in attendance were: George Kahkedjian, Eastern's Chief Information Officer; Kevin Gill, lead Web technical developer; and Bill Kenney, Unix System Administrator.

1. The minutes from last meeting, held April 9, 2002, were distributed to committee members via e-mail. Steve Frazier made a motion to accept the minutes. They were unanimously accepted.
2. The meeting was turned over to George Kahkedjian, who described a model for web publishing
 - The biggest issue is opposing issues that can be justified. What is the balance for our institution?
 - Official vs. unofficial pages: legally, if the university pays for the server, page is official. In official vs. unofficial pages, often unofficial pages do not have a disclaimer, so the reader does not know the pages are unofficial.
 - If students publish as students, the University is responsible but students are on a separate server.
 - The website must be aligned with the mission of the university
 - The university must be protected based on case law; general legal principles apply to information contained on the website.
3. Discussion of "submit" site on ECSU's old web server (a temporary site for pages under development, before approval for publishing). The site can be kept on the old server and maintained as an intranet, but the site has not been used as a submit site since 1998. The committee agreed to shut the site off.
4. The committee needs to pick apart the Web Policy in light of Eastern's mission. Plans to meet regularly to go through the policy line by line to update it.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 at 10 a.m. in Library 109.

Respectfully submitted,

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