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From: Joe Rives, Vice President, Quad Cities, Planning and Technology

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Re: October 2008 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* provides you with a status report on the Electronic Classroom Upgrade Program and the Faculty and Staff Computer Upgrade Program in Academic Affairs. Both of these programs are *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018* action items to advance the priority of delivering a strong, user-centered information technology infrastructure to support the core value of academic excellence.

Electronic Classroom Upgrade Program

As indicated in your *July 2007 Strategic Plan Update*, the University committed to bringing all 142 general instructional electronic classrooms up to minimum technology standards, defined by the President's Technology Advisory Users Group, within three years and then implementing a classroom rotation program for upgrades and replacement. Minimum technological standards for the general instructional classrooms include Ethernet connectivity, computer, mounted projector, document camera, VCR/DVD player, audio system with wall-mounted speakers, and telephone.

Classroom upgrading began in summer 2008 to minimize classroom disruption. The following table shows that six of the Phase I electronic classrooms, agreed upon by the Associate Deans, have been completed and another five are currently in progress. The three rooms completed in the Quad Cities (QC) were a pilot test for the new technologies and installation process. Plans and implementation for the remaining rooms will be addressed in the months ahead. Assuming room availability, the upgrade process has been revised and streamlined, so it is anticipated that the remaining Phase I rooms will be addressed in a timely manner.

Phase I Electronic Classroom Upgrade Status					
Completed	In Progress	To be Addressed			
Horrabin 26	Horrabin 44	Currens 205	Knoblauch 330	Brophy 224	Tilman 212
Sallee 226	Horrabin 7	Morgan 101B	Stipes 201	Currens 204	Sallee 101
Tilman 307	Stipes 120	Morgan 109	Stipes 207	Horrabin 78	QC B16
Sallee 228	Waggoner 171	Waggoner 3	Stipes 210	Horrabin 82	QC B17
QC 113	QC 114	Waggoner 54	Stipes 224	Horrabin 83	QC 106
QC 102C		Currens 203	Knoblauch 305	Brophy 227	

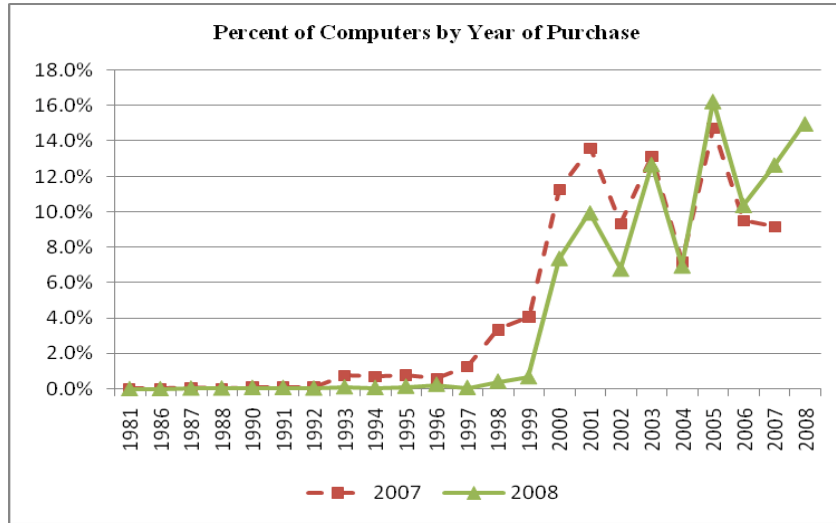
Following the premise of our *Campus Master Plans* and the theme that the campus is the classroom, new electronic classrooms will also be developed in Thompson and Grote Residence Halls and Room 180 of University Libraries.

Faculty and Staff Computer Upgrade Program in Academic Affairs

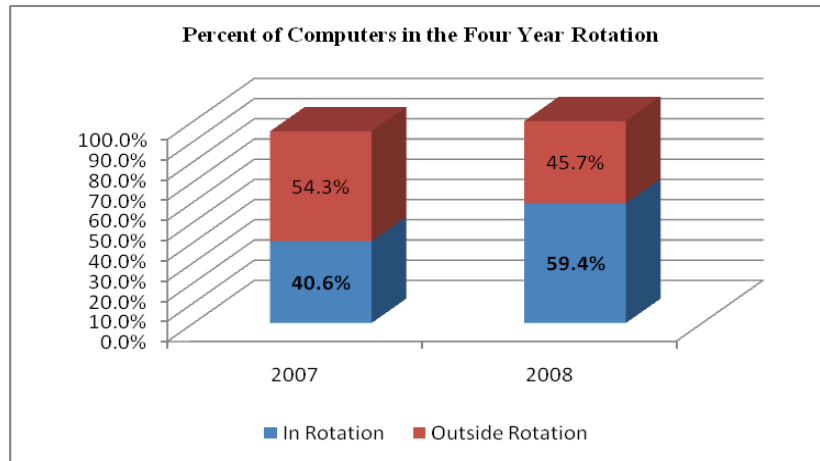
In 2007, the University also committed to updating all academic computing equipment purchased before 2000, with the long-term goal of establishing a four-year purchase rotation cycle for all computers in Academic Affairs. The table below provides you with the age of faculty computers in Academic Affairs by year of purchase. The last column of this table provides you with a comparison of the number of computers removed from central inventory due to replacement or non-use and the number of new computers purchased since the program was established.

	September 2007		July 2008		Computers (Removed)/ Added
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1981	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	(1)
1986	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	(1)
1987	2	0.1%	1	0.0%	(1)
1988	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0
1990	3	0.1%	2	0.1%	(1)
1991	3	0.1%	2	0.1%	(1)
1992	3	0.1%	1	0.0%	(2)
1993	24	0.8%	3	0.1%	(21)
1994	22	0.7%	2	0.1%	(20)
1995	25	0.8%	4	0.1%	(21)
1996	19	0.6%	7	0.2%	(12)
1997	41	1.3%	2	0.1%	(39)
1998	107	3.4%	12	0.4%	(95)
1999	130	4.1%	19	0.7%	(111)
2000	360	11.3%	209	7.4%	(151)
2001	434	13.6%	282	9.9%	(152)
2002	298	9.3%	192	6.8%	(106)
2003	420	13.2%	360	12.7%	(60)
2004	229	7.2%	197	6.9%	(32)
2005	470	14.7%	461	16.3%	(9)
2006	303	9.5%	294	10.4%	(9)
2007	293	9.2%	359	12.7%	66
2008			425	15.0%	425
Total	3189	100.0%	2835	100.0%	(354)

As the preceding table and figure below show, the University was successful in eliminating the vast majority of pre-2000 computers (with 326 of these computers taken off inventory), and 518 new computers were purchased by the Colleges and University Technology since the upgrade program was established.



Moreover, Academic Affairs advanced from two-fifths to three-fifths of all faculty and staff computers being four years old or less. These are the computers are identified as “in rotation” in the figure below. The percentages of computers “in rotation” will continue to increase as Fiscal Year 2009 funds have been allocated to focus on the updating of pre-2002 computers during academic year 2008-2009.



If you have any questions about or feedback regarding the continued successful implementation of *Higher Values in Higher Education*, please contact me.

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