

**Local Negotiations Committee Meeting**  
**October 4, 2007**  
**10:00 a.m. (virtual)**

Members attending: Steve Marvel, Tara Mitchell, David Russell

Chair Mitchell distributed background information on two issues submitted to the committee, one regarding the difficulties recently encountered by Distance Education faculty and one regarding the sudden decrease in the current student equipment budget.

The Distance Ed question involves a chain of command issue, most especially a clear delineation of who faculty should consult in DE when faced with questions about various issues. The faculty member also wants a fuller description of what the administration sees as DE's "new direction."

The current student equipment budget has been reduced despite strong enrollments and increased student fees. The faculty member requests an accounting of these fees and answers to why the budget is not in line with student needs.

The consensus of the committee was that both issues should be forwarded as Meet and Discuss items.

A third item, a concern raised by several faculty about difficulties acquiring and renewing library materials, was discussed as well. However, the committee decided that these faculty should first consult Tara Fulton to describe their problems and see what possible solutions could be worked out. Russell conveyed the committee's decision to the faculty in question.

Final responses were sent out and agreed to by 6 p.m. that afternoon.