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- Dr. Pascal A. Bizarro, Assistant Professor, Accountancy (term ends September 2006)
- Mr. Joey Brent, Assistant Athletic Director for Information Technology, Athletics, Staff Council Representative
- Ms. Buffy Choinski, Associate Professor, Library (term ends September 2006)
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- Dr. Delvin Hawley, Sr. Associate Dean, Business and Associate Professor, Finance (term ends September 2005)
- Mr. Kevin Herrera, Assistant Professor, Library (term ends September 2006)
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The Instructional Technology Standing Committee provided guidance on a number of important technology projects during the 2005-2006 Academic Year. This report describes these projects and summarizes the involvement of the committee. Committee minutes are available at the web address, [www.olemiss.edu/committees/insttech](http://www.olemiss.edu/committees/insttech).

Classroom Technology

Provost Staton charged the Instructional Technology Standing Committee with the task of identifying candidate classrooms for technology enhancements and overseeing the implementation during Summer 2005. This committee conducted a comprehensive
analysis that included proposals from department chairs and a survey of classroom utilization for the fall and spring semesters.

Using this information, the following classrooms were selected for technology enhancements: Anderson 231, Bishop 104, and Bondurant 112W were outfitted with ceiling-mounted projectors, wall connection panels, and Xtron controllers that allowed for hookup of various multimedia devices. Anderson 21, Bishop 113, and Peabody 202 were selected to be outfitted with full multimedia lecterns, including computer, laptop connection, VCR/DVD player, document camera, and sound system. Bondurant 111E, which received a multimedia cart several years ago, was selected to receive a permanent lectern to house the equipment currently on the cart. Meek 238 was also selected to receive a replacement projector with security cage.

Feedback from faculty who regularly use this classroom technology has been very positive, and there is much interest in continuing the program.

**Blackboard**

The Instructional Technology Standing Committee continues to provide valuable insight into the management and operation of Blackboard on the University of Mississippi campus. Blackboard is a web-based, course management tool that has been in use by UM faculty for over eight years.

The “Blackboard Enable” option in Online Services for Faculty was updated for the Fall 2005-2006 semester to allow instructors to combine multiple sections of their courses into a single Blackboard course and automatically have their Blackboard course enrollments sync with Campus Management. The committee is very pleased with the implementation of this new feature.

**Other**

Based on the success of the previous year's Technology Enhancement Week, offered during the early part of the fall semester, the Instructional Technology Standing Committee recommended that the Faculty Technology Development Center (FTDC) continue to sponsor these workshops each year. During September 2005, the following workshops were well attended by UM faculty and staff: Adobe Acrobat, Introduction to Blackboard, Capturing and Editing Digital Video, Creating DVD’s, Email to Groups, Faculty Test Scoring, Imaging and Scanning Basics, Introduction to High Performance Computing and the MCSR, Macromedia Dreamweaver, Mail Call, Managing Email Mailing Lists, Mathematica for Beginners, Mathematica for Intermediate and Advanced
Users, Overview of Academic Technology@UM, PowerPoint for Beginners, PowerPoint for Advanced Users, Statistics Starter, Using Excel to Manage a Gradebook, Using Multimedia Classrooms on the UM Campus, Using the Blackboard Gradebook, and Virus Free Computing.

The Provost’s Office continued TACIT, the program to replace faculty desktops, for the seventh year. The Instructional Technology Standing Committee provided advice and guidance on its implementation. The committee also provided helpful input regarding the training offered to TACIT participants.