I. Introductory Remarks by the Committee Chair:
At its final meeting for the Spring 2001 planning cycle, the Information Technology Committee summarized information technology strategic planning issues. In what appears to be a coming time of great change and reduced funding, a major concern of the Committee is how we maintain progress on our strategic technology initiatives during such turbulent times. In particular, the pressures of externally-imposed mandates must not prevent us from continuing to improve our technology infrastructure, focusing on improvements of direct benefit to students, addressing critically important distance learning issues and developments, and deploying e-business technologies for administrative improvements and efficiencies.

II. Current Issues Under Consideration by the Committee:
(Same as in last report.)
1. Updated list of University priorities for information technology.
2. Assessment measures for strategic deployment of information technology.
3. Funding, support, and life-cycle operational issues for information technology.
4. Feasibility, purpose, and composition of a student technology services fee.
5. Distance learning initiatives and related support initiatives.

III. Proposed Planning Priorities of the Committee/CLAC:
Information Technology strategic planning issues of highest importance are:
1. Improvement of the University information technology infrastructure, particularly the data network. Other critical infrastructure components include computer labs, technology-equipped classrooms, distance learning platforms, and mission-critical systems.
2. Ensuring that technology implications are considered in any major projects considered or conducted by the University.
3. Implications of the Florida educational governance transition on administrative information systems, particularly financial management systems.
4. Continuing to address distance learning initiatives, policy issues, and support services.
5. Adequate support for existing technology facilities, systems, and tools in terms of funding, operational support, training, and facilitation.

IV. Recommended Actions to UPC:
The Committee’s final recommendations to UPC and University administration for this planning cycle are as follows:
1. Provide funding for critical (“red list”) building network infrastructure upgrades. (Estimated cost is $650K.)
2. Provide funding for upgrading eight older multimedia classrooms, and adding eight additional multimedia classrooms at the Pensacola campus, and for adding three additional multimedia classrooms at the Fort Walton Beach campus. (Estimated cost $150K.)
3. Provide funding and identify space for one additional distance learning classroom at the Fort Walton Beach campus and one at the Pensacola campus. (Estimated cost $200K.)
4. Conduct additional investigation and planning to support the goal of completely equipping all UWF residence halls with ResNet network service.

V. Concluding Remarks:
None.

VI. Attachments List (limit attachments to two pages)
None.