Communications Infrastructure Committee Update
A draft proposal to be presented to IAC is being prepared now. It will need approval of CSU PD, Facilities and legal before going to IAC. The current recommendation includes dual backbone links to each “significant” building running at 1 GB to 10 GB speed depending on need. The data network would be split from the life, safety and VoIP network at the building MDF. The data network would be physically separate from the life, safety and VoIP network. The data network would be supported by the subnet manager in much the same way as it is done now, while ACNS would manage and support the life, safety and VoIP network. The cost estimates for various network topologies and support scenarios are still being worked on.

IT Centralization
Pat Burns has been asked to engage a 3rd party consultant to review the campus IT environment and assess what cost benefits may be gained by centralizing IT functions. There is unanimous concern that cost savings would have a significant negative impact on level of service currently provided by non-central departments and units. Discussion continued and all agreed that CITAC should keep abreast of this initiative by being involved in the 3rd party review and provide technical advise to our dean’s. It was also suggested that perhaps a CITAC representative could attend COD meetings when IT related topics are discussed. The goal would be to maintain a consistent and on-going IT dialog of technical information currently being discussed on campus.

Charges for Technology State Audit
Liberal Arts and Business were "sampled" by state auditors this month. They questioned several purchases with concerns that they may not be items appropriate for CFT monies. That was not the case and reference to the CFT manual was helpful as neither the auditors or personnel from Business & Financial Services were familiar with the guidelines. It was also noted that new by-laws from CCHE were meshed with the CFT manual in October 2008 and that could have caused some confusion.

Other
The ATRC is moving forward with new funding process as agreed upon after the CFT meeting in October.

Engineering has a very good deal on custom built midsize tower PC’s. They cost $525 and are fairly comparable to the HP desktop in performance and specifications. Folks can refer to the engineering web site for orders an details - http://www.engr.colostate.edu/ENS/how/purchasecomputer/. The college standardizes this product to their students and faculty, but can also be used by faculty and staff in other departments and units on campus for work purposes, not personal home use.

The digital signage committee will soon be drafting a recommendation for review at IAC. A copy will be provided to CITAC when available and possibly discussed at the next IAC meeting.

The surveillance camera committee has a near-final draft of the recommendation for IP security and surveillance cameras and associated software to be used on campus. A copy of the draft will be provided as soon as possible and possibly discussed at the next IAC meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4th at Larry’s new office location - 706 S. College.