



TO: Senate
FROM: John Hobbins
SUBJECT: McGill Computing Facility
MEETING DATE: April 15, 2009

PREAMBLE:

In a question asked at the April 16, 2008 meeting of Senate it was noted that:

Use of the McGill Computing Facility (MCF) is governed by the Code of Conduct for Users of McGill Computing Facilities, and its ancillary documents Companion Document to (Code of Conduct) Policy and Management Guidelines. Adopted and unrevised since 1994, they remain the current policies and still appear on the website of the Chief Information Officer.

It was further noted that these policies were no longer being followed and the Chief Information Officer was asked what was being done about the matter.

In her response she stated:

The Office of CIO, in consultation with other campus administrators and academics, will undertake a review of the Code of Conduct, together with the McGill Computing Facilities management guidelines this year. A revised document for discussion will be brought forward in 2008-2009 timeframe, and I am prepared to have it brought to Senate and the Board for input and discussion. Revisions will reflect changes in technology and how IT infrastructure is delivered on our campuses (for example, the web was not in common use in 1993 and is not even mentioned in the current Code) and current best practices in IT governance related to ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of data. During the course of that revision, we will also review what type of reporting is appropriate to the CIO on an annual basis related to the Code of Conduct and its application on campus, including those units that do not have an official reporting relationship to the Chief Information Officer.

As of April 4, 2009 the Code of Conduct and ancillary documents are still posted on the University websites as the official policy.

QUESTION:

Given that a year has passed and the "2008-2009 timeframe" for Senate is winding down, can the Chief Information Officer give an update on progress and give a firm date when the revised document will be brought to Senate for input and discussion?
