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Report of the Educational Technology Committee
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The Education Technology Committee includes:
Kannan Mohan, Raj Nahata, Noriko Watanabe, Jay Weiser and Dan Williams
Art Downing and Jim Russell represent BCTC *ex officio*

The committee has met on September 25, October 30, and November 27. Its spring meetings are scheduled for February 26, March 26, and April 30. As none of the current members are carried over from the previous year, the principle agenda have been to reestablish a functioning committee.

The committee is working to represent the faculty in the strategic planning function and in decisions about the direction of technological development. In the month of February, the committee will conduct focus groups with selected faculty members to gain insight into faculty perceptions of Educational Technology needs. The objective is to broaden the scope of decision making beyond the current approach, which largely reflects a handful of sophisticated end users.

The committee has also discussed problems with the email system, problems with off campus access to on campus files, and support for a broader range of software, in particular statistical software and citation software. The committee is concerned over the method by which RefWorks became a CUNY wide service with no apparent consultation of faculty.