



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Information Technology Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: 13-14 CAH 3: Report on Mobile Phone Service on Campus
PURPOSE: Information to the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED:

That the Academic Senate receive and document the following information regarding mobile phone service in and around campus.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its meeting on January 13, 2014, the Information Technology Advisory Committee heard from Associate Vice President of Facilities James Zavagno regarding the mobile phone service on campus and near-term plans for the mobile phone towers.

Up until Spring of 2013, mobile phone providers had cell stations on top of Warren Hall. After these were removed, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon placed “cells on wheels” (COWs) behind the Science Building. While the University is aware that there are more “dead zones” in and around campus, the phone companies and not Facilities should be informed, as they are the ones who can change the “aim” of the antennas and/or add antennas; CSUEB is the “host” and the phone companies are the providers of the service. The University receives rent from these vendors and that more than offsets the costs involved, ultimately benefitting the University.

The vendors requested permission to build a tower between VBT and Science to place antennas at an “optimal location”, but CSUEB declined. Instead, the antennas will be placed on the roof of VBT. Before that, however, some infrastructure improvements to the building are required. There will additionally be some cosmetic work on the building associated with the placement of the antennas to make it less of an eyesore.

While it is expected that the location atop VBT will provide better reception, the placement and aiming of the antennas are the responsibility of the vendors.

What was not discussed more generally were the dead zones on campus, for example within the Library, and the issue they pose for the safety of individuals on campus.