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POLICY

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

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1.1 Preamble

1.1.1 Internet technology is rapidly becoming the prime means of communication and information dissemination amongst the international academic community.

1.2 Platform

1.2.1 NUGAS recognises the importance of computer technology for research and learning, and access to such is fast becoming a compulsory requirement for many fields of study.

1.2.2 NUGAS also recognises that the Internet is an imperative educational tool for all students.

1.2.3 As Federal Budget cuts force universities to carefully consider their expenditure, it is important to ensure that access to computer technology is not disregarded in the cost swing efforts of the institution. NUGAS believes that access to the Internet for research purposes is no different from access to library resources and should be provided free of charge.

1.2.4 NIJGAS believes that access to the Internet should be free and easily accessible for all students, and is thus opposed to all forms of charge for access to Internet technology.

1.2.5 NUGAS acknowledges that the increased use of Internet technology has the capacity to give rise to a society with even further entrenched divisions between the “information rich” and the “information poor”.

1.3 Action

1.3.1 NUGAS will, in its continuing campaigns against course charges, particularly focus on opposing fees for Internet usage.

1.3.2 NUGAS will encourage universities to develop information technology plans that consider:

- 1.3.2.1 the technological requirements of students;
- 1.3.2.2 the growing demand for students to access the Internet as part of their study; and
- 1.3.2.3 existing and proposed computer facilities available for student use.