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Those attending: David Blakesley, JP Dunn, Michael Wainer, Al Allen, Dennis Leitner, Larry Schilling, Pierre Barrette, Geoff Nathan (recorder), Ruth Bernhardt, Duke Koch, Caroline Snyder

Visitor: Glenn Poshard, Vice Chancellor for Administration

VC Poshard began by discussing the recent change to the Y2K initiative, and explained that the Chancellor had put together a committee consisting of himself, Bill Capie (Associate VC for Administration, Geoff Nathan and Mike Schwartz (director of Customer Service for IT). The process will be greatly accelerated through the use of the LAN managers, who have been asked to survey their areas and report back by September 22. A final report on needs for Y2K compliance will be due to the Chancellor on October 1.

Poshard also asked the committee's opinion on a potential outside contractor for all-campus desktop management. Some discussions have been held under the auspices of the Chancellor's Budget and Planning with Comdisco and ATS, who have jointly proposed taking over all desktop management on campus. Discussion on this ranged from suggestions that this could be done in-house, relying on our own expertise to a recommendation to go with the proposal. The Dean's council should be consulted. Glenn stated that there would be a desktop management plan of some kind in place by June. Pierre suggested the College of Education model, which was built with a long-range plan including the replacement of some faculty lines with 3-4 support personnel. It was suggested that we bring in an outside consultant to investigate the question and make recommendations.

The next topic was Internet2. Chancellor Jackson has asked the committee to investigate the advisability of joining I2. Currently regular membership costs \$25,000, with a commitment to spend \$500,000 in 'upgrading campus infrastructure, connecting to a gigapop, and supporting applications development could run approximately \$500,000 per campus, per year' (taken from I2 website). Pierre suggested that the \$500K requirement has been relaxed. It was suggested that a committee be formed to investigate the question further. Al proposed discussing the issue with Joe Deacon, a representative of the Medical School. Glenn pointed out the importance of this issue for distance learning. As membership in the committee Caroline volunteered Susan Logue, and Pierre, David, Geoff, Charlie Campbell, Jay Starret (from Edwardsville), Joe Deacon and a representative from Computer Science were also suggested.

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting set for Wednesday, September 15 at 8 a.m. in the

Library Dean's Conference room.

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