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## Minutes of Computing Advisory Committee Meeting February 9, 1999

Those attending: Mary Wallace, Jim Duggan, Patty Cosgrove (for Al Allen), Brad Willke, David Blakesley, Larry Schilling, J-P Dunn, Susan Logue (for Carolyn Snyder), Kevin Wise (for Pierre Barrette), Michael Wainer, Geoff Nathan (recorder).

The meeting opened with a discussion of the student technology fee. It was agreed that there was a need to clarify who the fee was for. There was also considerable discussion as to what constituted a public access lab, but no absolute definition was forthcoming.

The next issue that was discussed was the question of a plan for upgrading faculty desktops on campus. The issue seems to come down to two fundamental plans--either to provide a set amount to each department, regardless of their current status, or to provide for some system of 'grants', which would be applied for separately.

Other possible approaches were also suggested. One suggested a (fairly cheap) standard computer set up which could be offered to everyone (along with appropriate network connection for those who currently lack). If a particular faculty member needed a higher standard, a case could then be made. Another tack suggested that a fairly high amount could be granted to all departments (or perhaps to particularly underendowed departments) in the first year, with a smaller, set amount to be evenly distributed to all departments in subsequent years.

No definitive solutions were proposed, and Geoff agreed to present a formal proposal at the next meeting, which will be Tuesday, March 2 at 3 P.M. in the Dean's Library Conference room.

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