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Those attending: Michael Wainer, JP Dunn, Jim Duggan, Al Allen, Bjorn Kraabol, Ruth Bernhardt, Carolyn Snyder, Pierre Barrette, Dave Blakesley

Al Allen reported on the status of the new dial-in modems. He expects they will be on-line in ten to fifteen days. IT is also investigating lowering phone costs by changing the nature of phone charges. Meanwhile IT has also installed additional resources for e-mail and the compute server and is finally able to install a large amount of the equipment ordered for the last fiscal year. The campus e-mail system has been experiencing a number of problems with misdirected e-mail, and with chain letters. Al reported that all the mainframe equipment will be Y2K compliant within a very short time.

Geoff reported on the results of the Y2K project, which had LAN administrators survey all the computers under their control on campus for Y2K compliance and report the results back to a committee which included himself, Mike Schwartz of IT, Bill Capie and Glenn Poshard. It was discovered that there are only three servers that are out of compliance and unfixable, and just over 100 computers in the same state. A small amount of money was allocated by Chancellor Jackson to pay for replacing all mission critical computers that are not fixable, plus the funds needed for a bulk purchase of Millenium Manager, a program that will permit most out of compliance computers to continue to run.

The question of Internet2 occupied the rest of the meeting. The requirement of the \$500,000 annual investment was raised, with questions being asked about what expenditures would count as within this part of the commitment. It was pointed out that the cost of a high-speed network connection would be on the order of \$30,000 per month. Carolyn pointed out that the new Illinois Century Network might be used to pay for some of this commitment, and it was also pointed out that we would be eligible for certain grants if we joined. It was suggested that we might be one of very few Research II universities who are not currently members. Questions that membership raises include the cost of bringing a high-speed connection to Southern Illinois.

For the next meeting it was decided to seriously examine the long-range plan and consider updating it, and to ensure that the committee will meet with IT director candidates. For the next meeting everyone pledged to look at the plan and consider ways it might be updated.

The resolution on support for computer-related service was raised again, and Geoff stated that he would compose a follow-up letter to be sent to the same group that received the previous letter.

The next meeting was set for Monday, October 11 at 8:30 in the Dean's Conference Room.

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