

**Library, Media, Academic Computing Committee Minutes
January 28, 1999**

Present: Beezer, Deters, Ellis, Orloff, Ricigliano (for Mitchell), Steiner.

Minutes for the November 5, 1998 and November 19, 1998 meetings were distributed and approved with one correction.

Raney Ellis explained the purposes of the new firewall and introduced a new policy statement and form regarding its use.

In light of the meeting's main business, Beezer outlined a proposal concerning student ownership of computers, which will be discussed more thoroughly at a future meeting.

Steiner moved to the main agenda item, formulation of a procedure for gathering information about academic computing from academic departments. He circulated copies of a request from Dean Cooney that solicited similar information from the Chairs of the academic departments.

Ellis reported that this request had pointed out a greater desire for classrooms equipped with computers and projection devices. However, there was not much discussion about "curricular effectiveness" or resulting changes in curriculum. Ellis stated that he would like to see our information gathering ask questions like "How do you see your teaching change?"

Several members of the committee then offered up possible questions for the committee to use when meeting with departments.

Deters questioned the effectiveness of meeting with entire departments in the setting of departmental meetings. Beezer suggested that there were several possible ways to meet with a department, or an interested portion of a department. Steiner proposed that perhaps each member of the committee could arrange whatever type of meeting that individual departments would find most effective and convenient.

Ellis suggested that the activities of the Informal Committee on Teaching might be another venue for collecting information.

Steiner closed the meeting by asking the members to send possible questions to him via email. He will then organize a common list of questions to guide our discussions and will organize the assignment of committee members to two or three departments each. A period of about six weeks will then be allowed for the meetings to occur.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Beezer