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The Committee met six times between October 14, 1999 and May 12, 2000, with R. A. Hanneman serving as Chair during the first 5 of those meetings. Professor Hanneman stepped down as Committee Chair to avoid conflict of interest arising from his appointment as to a technology support position in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

Nine substantial issues were taken up by the Committee during the year. They include:

1. Deliberation on whether students should be charged for the cost of printing on public access computers. The Committee’s view is that this would not be wise, for a variety of reasons.

2. Review of a draft Instructional Use of Technology policy. The Committee expressed a desire for a policy with a more positive tone, encouraging broader and more innovative uses of technology, together with systematic evaluation of uses that are attempted.

3. Library uses of technology and the development of the California Digital Library. The Committee was gravely concerned about the availability of resources to support library technology, especially the cost of digital library materials which appear to raise, not lower, the cost of making scholarly material available to students and faculty.

4. Usage of the campus Web-Course-in-a-Box software for support of instruction. This software package was found to be of significant utility and to significantly expand opportunities for faculty-student and student-student interaction.

5. Review of the developing Remote Server to allow off-campus access to library and other services. This technology was found to be valuable and providing broad access to it was encouraged.

6. Possible fees for use of open-access campus computer labs was discussed, and the idea was strongly resisted by the Committee.

7. Guidelines for funding maintenance of the campus core network were discussed with Acting Vice Chancellor Rowley, the Committee communicated its priorities to the Executive Vice Chancellor.

8. Computer & Communications planning and budget priorities were reviewed. The Committee expressed its views on priorities and strongly encouraged all campus schools and colleges to be attentive to a similar planning and priority setting process.
The Committee reviewed nine proposals for Innovative Uses of Computing (totaling $67,425) and approved six awards totaling $25,012.

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