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Minutes for the IRC meeting of September 16, 1999.

Members of the Council present: Pola Bautelman, Roy Meyers, Ruth Copans, Michael Gittleman, Jonathan Cotton, Bob DeSieno, Karl Broekhuizen, Leo Geoffrion, Ann Henderson. Also present: Stan McGauhey, Susan Zappen, Jennifer Taxman

1. The Council convened for the first time in the fall semester. New and continuing members introduced themselves, and the Council began its deliberations by referring to the annual report of the IRC for 1998-99.
2. Leo Geoffrion reviewed the need for College policy to govern dispensing and termination of courtesy user accounts on the College computing system. He explored this policy to be applied to former employees and to other people who have temporary working relationships with Skidmore. The Council members discussed the policy (published on the College web site), found it reasonable, and endorsed it application.
3. Susan Zappen asked that the Council join in a discussion of copyright policy being developed for application at Skidmore. The Council agreed to explore this matter at its next meeting on October 7. Jennifer Taxman reviewed progress on intellectual property rights as they play out in web page content. A draft of College policy for these matters is in the hands of the College attorney, and we await his assessment and guidance.
3. The Council discussed issues that it wishes to pursue. Among those matters are the following agenda items:
 - * Report from Leo Geoffrion on the Cornell Workshop concerned with information resource issues
 - * The budget cycle and budgetary details for investment in information resources in the coming fiscal year.
 - * Access to public computers on campus and new methods for launching log ins.
 - * Faculty initiatives in the use of information technology for teaching, learning, and scholarship.
 - * The agenda of the Information Resources Managers (IRM), and specifically discussion of deploying clusters of computers in labs across the campus.
 - * New reports on progress in the installation and application of Oracle enterprise software that assist management of the College database.
 - * Issues of archiving and records management on campus, and the development of related policy.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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