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LIBRARY AUTOMATION PLANNING GROUP

PROGRESS REPORT

January, 1985

1.   LAPG –

During January, data was gathered to futhter refine the comparative cost analysis of the two top systems: GEAC and NOTIS.

a.   Central Site Preparation –

G. Harrison of Sims/Varner estimated the costs for remodeling space on the seventh floor of the Science Library. It could be done in three phases: (1) WSUL computer room, (2) add, or expand for DALNET computer room, and (3) remodel staff areas.

b.   Telecommunications network –

Three vendors (MICOM, CODEX, and AT&T) agreed to provide ball park estimates for modems, multiplexors, etc., for the two systems. A packet of information was created for them. Their estimates were received by the end of January.

c.   Telephone lines –

Michigan Bell provided costs for instalaltion and monthly fees for the types of circuits identified by the telecommunications vendors.

d.   Hardware –

Much data was gathered directly from IBM and Telex to reconfigure and cost out the NOTIS option over five years.

Overall Project timelines were once again charted and reviewed.

The Wayne State Library planning group met to evaluate the two candidate systems from the WSUL perspective.

A Tapes Committee was formed to begin planning for the clean-up and merger of DALNET institution's bibliographic records in machine readable form prior to data base loading.

2.   DALNET —

The Governance Task Force met with Gerald Alt, of Seyburn, Smith, et al, to discuss legal organization options. G. Alt was subsequently asked to prepare a memorandum regarding the joint venture and not-for-profit corporation options for DALNET.

The state of DALNET's planning fund was reviewed after the Site Visit Team's and Dick Boss's expenses were reported. Seven of the eleven institutions have contributed the second $500 requested early in December. Additional contributions to support legal fees will be needed.

Contact was finally made with Oakwood Hospital, which had previously been approved as an "alternate" member of DALNET.

Letters expressing interest in DALNET were received from the libraries of Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, and Schoolcraft College. This prompted creation of guidelines for evaluating the impact of additional libraries joining DALNET in the planning stages.

The agenda for the Library Director's/Administrator's meeting, re-scheduled for February 7, was set.

3.   RFP Progress —

The Site Visit Team met and reviewed its findings, comparing them to the RFP Evaluation Subcommittees' and the consultant, Dick Boss's reports. A written Site Visit Team report was drafted, reviewed, and finalized recommending the GEAC system for DALNET.

Additional information was gathered from the two vendors and from more sites.

4.   Grants Task Force —

The Grants Task Force had an initial meeting January 22 at the Detroit Public Library. The DALNET Project is seen as having tremendous potential for raising outside funds.

5.   Tapes Committee —

This Committee met and began to:

    (a)   identify the bibliographic record tape policies and avilability for all DALNET Institutions;

    (b)   specify the requirements for tape preparation and merger;

    (c)   identify and contact possible vendors of these services.

6.   WSUL Retrospective Conversion –

Continuing retrospective conversion during January has brought the total titles converted to date to 48,910.

Louise Bugg,
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