

**Minutes of the Information Resources Advisory Committee
October 29, 2004**

Present: David Anderson, Chair; Gabriele Dillmann, Mike Frazier, Sandy Mathern-Smith, Tim Miller, Seth Patton.

The minutes of the October 15 meeting were approved.

Mike Frazier reported that the telephones and cable are still working! Mike has been involved with the Modern Languages project in Fellows 103. As a result of that project, foreign language programming will be available throughout the Denison cable network. Mike also offered an AEP update on the fiber project. In the next month AEP will complete a review of all of the telephone poles which will carry the fiber to Denison. This review will tell us what adjustments will need to be made to those 112 poles to enable them to carry the fiber. It will then take 4-8 weeks to make those adjustments, so a February 5 completion date for this project still looks realistic.

Scottie Cochrane reported that the intellectual resources in the library are doing fine! However, the library did experience a “flood” on level 2 earlier this month. No one was hurt, and four Denison students acted quickly to minimize water damage. Apparently the flooding occurred because of re-grading to the landscape north of the library as a result of another project. The library is working with Phys Plant on both short- and long-term solutions to the water flow problem. The library’s home page was re-designed this summer, and new information about copyright policies has been posted there.

David Anderson noted that the chair of the search committee for the next Director of Computing Services met with department chairs this week. There was a suggestion that the results of IRAC’s visioning discussions of last spring be shared with the search committee. Scottie will do that.

A request from DCGA for an electronic forum on DCGA Elections was approved.

There was a discussion of issues to consider this year, with the following result:

- Digital photo Directory—policy questions
- Printing costs in the library and open computing labs
- A digital repository
- Privacy policies for users of Denison’s network
- Enhancing dialog between computer users and computing services
- Strategic planning in budgeting resources for information services at Denison

The digital photo directory will be discussed first, as there is some urgency in generating a dialog on that.

The meeting adjourned. Next meeting TBA: scheduling issues in the Provost’s office!

