MEMORANDUM

To: The Faculty Senate

From: Thomas R. Dyckman, Chair FPC

Subject: Statement of Support for an Affordable IT Infrastructure

Recognizing the importance of Cornell’s IT facilities in enabling the University’s ability to conduct its academic, outreach and administrative priorities, the Committee met with Vice President, Polley McClure on September 21, 2000. Following her presentation on the current status of the IT infrastructure including her vision for assuring its continued viability, the Committee voted in favor of the following statement of support.

Statement of Support

The Committee believes that Cornell’s information technology facilities and services should enable our academic and outreach priorities. In attaining this objective, the Committee endorses the following positions:

1. Services should be competitive with those at peer institutions
2. Fees should be competitive with those of other providers
3. A range of service levels and prices should be available
4. Capacity and capability should be grown in advance of need
5. User fee schedules should be clear and understandable
6. Fees should accurately reflect the true costs of service

While we did not analyze the numbers in detail, strong support was given for the initial steps (through ’02) of the presentation, and for the basis underlying those suggested steps.