

Wayne State University

Memorandum

To: Ria Frijters

From: Pat Eames *PE*

Subject: DALNET

Date: May 20, 1986

Attached is a proposed Board document regarding DALNET, drafted by Peter Spyers-Duran, okayed by Walter Jones, and slightly modified by me, which I propose to put into the May 22 hopper for the June Board of Governors.

At the May 27 Executive Council discussion there may be requests for additional information in the "Background" section. We can deal with any such request after it is made.

cc: Walter Jones
Peter Spyers-Duran
Jim Williams II ✓

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Submitted by: Walter Jones, Senior Vice President
and Provost,
Ria C. Frijters, Senior Vice President for
Administration and Finance and Treasurer and
Patricia Eames, Vice President and
General Counsel

Recommendation

The administration recommends that the Board of Governors authorize the President or his designee to execute the requisite documents for Wayne State University to become a member of the Michigan non-profit non-stock corporation, the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET), and to execute form agreements with other libraries for their participation in the DALNET Online System.

Background

At the initiative of WSU, several institutions formed a library automation planning group in 1984. The planning team was asked to develop criteria and standards which will serve as the basis of joint library automation utilizing WSU-owned hardware and software. Among the desired and anticipated outcomes are cost efficiencies, elimination of duplication of effort, resource sharing, improvements in accessing information in the metropolitan area, and generally improving library service, including service to students and faculty of WSU. The technical planning team has completed its work, and the implementation of services and future planning will be possible with the establishment of DALNET.

WSU proposes to serve as the host institution for DALNET and to operate the Central Computer Site for contracting libraries in accordance with the conditions set forth in the proposed DALNET By-Laws (attached as Exhibit A), and in the proposed form contract (attached as Exhibit B).

The corporate by-laws provide that WSU will act as the fiscal agent for DALNET, and that WSU fiscal and personnel standards will apply to the DALNET operation at WSU.

The corporate by-laws of DALNET provide for a Board of Directors of which WSU is a member in perpetuity.

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Current members of the planning team include:

Botsford General Hospital
Children's Hospital of Michigan
Detroit Public Library
Oakland University
Oakwood Hospital
Sinai Hospital
University of Detroit
Wayne County Community College
William Beaumont Hospital

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