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The following summarizes the status of standing committee actions and activities for the last 12 months:

- **Sharing of Course Material:**  
Development continues on distance learning material related to CANDU. A trial version of the CANDU OVERVIEW course given in Thailand has been put on CD-ROM and is currently under review and testing.
- **University Course Sharing**  
The possibility of a reciprocal course credit agreement between RMC and McMaster is currently being investigated. The committee awaits word from RMC.
- **Student Conference:**  
The 1999 conference was held at Trent University, hosted by Jim Jury, Department of Physics. There was a tour of Canadian General Electric's nuclear fuel fabrication facility. The quality of the student presentations was very high but the attendance was very low. Revitalizing this conference is a high priority item for this committee and suggestions are welcome. The next conference will be held at McMaster University in the spring of 2000, hosted by yours truly.
- **Web Site:**  
The web site established for the sharing of information related to nuclear science and engineering is <http://epic.mcmaster.ca/~garlandw/>. Currently this site offers:
  - information on the Universities Committee;
  - information on the Annual Student Conference;
  - career information (links to nuclear companies with job pages and other relevant information, advise on how to get plugged into the industry, etc.);
  - teaching information (downloadable course material and computer codes, reference material, etc.);
  - an email list to facilitate the sharing of information between students and employers on job postings.Contributions to the web site are encouraged.
- **AECL Contact**  
Discussions with AECL on possible university - AECL collaboration are continuing.
- **Annual CNS Conference June 1999:**  
An informal meeting will be held for all those interested in the committee's activities in the afternoon prior to the reception of the Annual CNS Conference. The main agenda items will be focussed on the encouragement of students to enter into the nuclear field. Specific agenda items are the Annual Student Conference and industry-university collaborations.

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