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Recent activities:

- Meeting on 1999.05.30:
A meeting was held at the CNA/CNS Annual Conference venue in Montreal. Present were David Jackson, Steve Bushby (representing Romney Duffey, AECL), Hugues Bonin, Guy Marleau, Ben Rouben, Daniel Rozon, and Bill Garland. To summarize the discussion:
 - Student Conf 2000 - Low student attendance is the key issue. It was suggested that more students would be attracted if the student conference were linked to another event, such as the Simulation Symposium. However, the student conference is best held in early to mid-March because of the students' schedules. If the Symposium cannot be delayed until March, another event will be considered. Bill Garland is to follow up.
 - Graduate scholarships - Hugues Bonin, on behalf of the Honours and Awards Committee, reported on the proposed scholarships. The key issue of funding is to be resolved.
 - Report from AECL on university-AECL interaction - Stephen Bushby reported for Romney Duffey. Steve noted that AECL recognizes the need for new blood since there age distribution is quite bimodal. However, AECL funding is tightly focussed and short term. There is no new money but AECL will be conducting an internal audit and institute an improved tracking scheme so that university-AECL interactions are made more explicit. Steve noted that because of internal budget timing, the best time to submit proposals is in September. Identifying an internal champion would facilitate matters and CANDU X has more re-allocatable funding than CANDU 6 projects. AECL was reminded that it gets huge leverage with student support, making it very cheap to conduct research through universities and, in addition, AECL will benefit in the future via better student hires. Dave Jackson is to follow up with AECL.
 - ECC activities as they relate to the Universities Committee - Dave Jackson summarized the pamphlet to be prepared by Keewatin Inc. Hugues Bonin suggested that the human resource survey conducted in the 1980's would be a good source of information on the types of jobs that are related to nuclear.
 - Review of mandate and focus setting for the near term - Bill Garland discussed the mandate. It was agreed that the immediate priority was the upcoming student conference.
 - Distance Learning - Hugues Bonin reported that RMC wishes to pursue distance learning. A meeting at RMC for all interested parties was tentatively set for late June, 1999. Hugues will be contacting committee members to finalize plans.

Status of standing committee actions and activities:

- **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. A meeting at RMC is tentatively set for late June, 1999.

- Student Conference:
The next conference will be held at McMaster University in the spring of 2000, hosted by yours truly. The possibility of linking this conference with another event is being investigated.
- Web Site:
The web site established for the sharing of information related to nuclear science and engineering is <http://epic.mcmaster.ca/~garlandw/> . Contributions to the web site are encouraged.
- AECL Contact
Discussions with AECL on possible university - AECL collaboration are continuing.
- Next Meeting:
 - RMC, June, 1999 (to be confirmed).
 - An informal meeting will be held for all those interested in the committee's activities at the Annual CNS Conference (2000).

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