

*College of Chemistry
Office of the Dean*

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TO: COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY FACULTY AND STAFF
FR: DEAN CLAYTON HEATHCOCK
RE: NEW NETWORK SERVICES CHARGE

In 1984, the College of Chemistry computing network was deployed at no cost to its users. Over the past 18 years, the network has grown to over 2000 nodes and has been upgraded through at least three generations of networking technologies. Today, some subnets in the College enjoy 100 megabit/second access to the internet via a 1 Gigabit/second backbone to the Internet-II network. The entire cost of this has been borne completely by the College. In the meantime, the demand for desktop support has grown to include a plethora of hardware and software that spans the demands of a very heterogeneous collection of research, teaching, and administrative users. The College Information Systems unit, an outgrowth of the Computing & Networking group, has also been given the responsibility of providing the College with a compelling and informative web site, linking all the web pages of individual research groups and providing technical support for each research group webmaster. Again, these services have been provided at no cost to the users.

We are now faced with a severe budget crisis, perhaps the most severe in the history of the College. As a result, we can no longer maintain the College network without a revenue stream. After consultation with support staff and selected faculty, I have decided that we must implement a fee on all computer users of the College of Chemistry. In the absence of sufficient state funding, these fees are necessary to maintain and upgrade our network infrastructure, provide desktop support, and maintain web services. Fees for such services are in place elsewhere on the campus.

Effective January 1, 2003, a fee of \$12.00 per person per month will be levied on all research groups. This fee will be billed monthly to an account provided by the research director, and will not be subsidized by the College. Administrative units will also be charged a fee; however, their fee will be based upon the number of CPU's supported.

The "size" of the research group will be assessed each January by the Dean of the College and will include the research director, all research graduate students occupying College space, visiting scholars and postdocs, research staff, and administrative support staff who are paid from research grants. For example, a research group with one PI, an administrative assistant, one postdoc, and 7 graduate students will be assessed a network/computing fee of $(10 \times \$12 = \$120)$ per month. Undergraduates, work-study students, and paid undergraduate laboratory assistants will not be counted in this fee structure.

When the 02-03 fiscal year closes, the Dean will review the effectiveness of this revenue stream, and will direct the College Information Systems Unit to provide an accounting of its services and **specific** plans for service improvements in the 03-04 academic year.