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System staff et al:

Yesterday's meeting was very informative and I think Dave did a good job of explaining SCOPE architecture to us. However, I would like a clarification on the overall purpose of the meetings. I think we should devote ourselves to generating a good overview of where we are and where we are going. The directive from the Chancellor's office asked that the services offered by the CC be defined somewhat more explicitly than 'providing the best possible service', or some such phraseology, and I think the staff meetings should be used to formulate such an explicit definition, including what we now offer and what we hope to offer in the future and the projected cost of our projects. I got the feeling that Gene thought that the whole purpose of the meetings was to explain CALIDOSCOPE. What's going on?

Timing seems critical to me. Ken promised sometime back to let people who were to be laid off know within two weeks. It is important that people be given some idea what kind of work there will be so that they can make intelligent decisions about whether or not they want to stay. Then Ken could know who is willing to stay when making his decisions.

What other projects are current besides CALIDOSCOPE? Are we committed to providing a permanent file system? How much will such a system cost? What's the talk about a text-editing facility on RTS? How do we provide the upper/lower case print chain and other 40 facilities?

It's good to know about CALIDOSCOPE, but I think the discussion of CALIDOSCOPE should be carried out in a larger perspective.

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