Working Group to Design A Fermilab Home Page

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The Charge:

1. Propose a design for an initial Fermilab Home Page for WWW,

2. Help obtain any necessary approvals from the Directorate, the Computing Division, and others as required, and

3. Work with the DBI Dept. to define the necessary administrative procedures for adding/removing servers from the Fermilab Home Page.

Goal: Accomplish this by mid to late March or earlier if possible so that DBI can implement proposal.

Considerations:

1. As our "electronic front door," the Fermilab Home Page needs to be presentable and spiffy.

2. It needs to point to other *Fermilab* WWW servers for the benefit of outsiders.

3. It needs to do a limited amount of pointing to other off-site servers of high interest to Fermilab *insiders* (e.g., SPIRES).

4. There needs to be an easy administrative mechanism set up for getting new on-site servers listed/de-listed on the Fermilab Home Page.

5. The procedure needs as much as possible to place the responsibility for the appropriateness of the information onto the management of the Division/Section's that sponsor the Servers.

6. There appear to be (at least) three basic types of information that servers could provide: Public Information, Technical Publication Information, and Work-In-Progress Information.

Notes:

There are understandable rules that a server that provides public information needs to follow. Similarly, servers that provide technical publication information in a way that appears to constitute publication also need to follow certain rules.

It is very important that such rules not spill over into impeding the use of WWW for servers that provide Work-In-Progress information.

Can we devise a Fermilab Home Page that makes it clear to the user by design and/or by multiple linked pages that a browser is entering "Work-In-Progress" territory? We can always attempt to use access controls on WWW servers but they are primitive and cumbersome. It would be nice to make the design speak for itself and run without such things as much as possible. Sponsors with concerns regarding their servers can always implement access controls if they are willing to put up with them.