Advisory Committee:  
Per Askeland (chair, CMSC)  
Jackie Carlson (DECS Administration)  
Ryan Roberts (DECS Help Desk)  
Sam Leitkam (Graduate Student Representative, Mechanical Engineering)  
Adam McDougal (DECS Networking)  
Bryan Pagemel (Undergraduate Student Representative)  
Steve Foley (DECS, Server Management)  
Wayne Dykson (Computer Science Department),  
Jason Nicholas (ChEMS)  
Farhang Pourboghrat (Mechanical Engineering)  
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The annual Computer Services Advisory Committee was held on March 19, 2013. It was unanimously agreed that DECS has continued to offer outstanding service to Engineering as well as greater MSU and looks to do so in the future.

From Spring of 2012 to Spring of 2013, DECS has completed the Windows 7 upgrade to all COE and labs and department office. The student computer labs in 2314 and 2200 EB have been refurbished with new carpet, chairs and computers. The COE network storage has been upgraded to 70 TB.

In the coming year, DECS plans to make the Engineering building network 10 GB ready. They plan to upgrade the Ethernet in the ERC, CVRC, MBI, the new Bio-Med, and Trout buildings. There are plans to virtualize network servers to run multiple operating systems simultaneously. Jackie Carlson indicated that the Annual Reporting System will be updated by June 2013 so that information from annual reports is automatically imported into the Form D system. DECS is planning on purchasing another 3D printer and has plans to resolve network printer issues in the student computer labs. Longer range plans include conversion of the COE phone system to voice over IP by 2016 to lower phone system operating consists and further improvements of spam filtering.

The committee raised a few issues for DECS during the coming year. The issue of poster printing including changing poster size standards to fit various conference formats (DECS has already done a great deal of work on this); in addition fabric printing and changing the laminate style on posters was also discussed.