ITCC Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2015

Attending: Thomas Vojta, Dan Uetrecht, Cheryl Ahrens, Maggie Trish, Nathan Bookout, Andreas Eckert, Nathan Twyman, John Singer, Al Crosbie, John Bax, Jee-Ching Wang, Maciej Zawodniok, Ardith McComb, Zhaozheng Yin, Abhijit Gosavi, Mark Bookout, K. Krishnamurthy, Barry Flachsbart, Lori Duncan

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM.

1. Approve minutes of last meeting
   Motion to approve by John Singler & Andreas Eckert 2nds. Unanimous vote to pass.

2. IT Budget Priorities
   a. Kaspersky Licensing – to replace Forefront as a virus detector.
   b. Generator for HPC Data Center – was orig. built w/out redundancy. There is an obvious need now due to increased power outages.
   c. Recruiting RSS staff – most recent posting proved unsuccessful. Working with HR to explore alternative recruiting methods.
   d. DE at 3 yr. replacement – 4 yr. cycle means we have less redeploy available.
   e. RTD 2016 – need to know ASAP if we are going to do this.
   f. VDI end of life – supports 10 – 15 distance courses, 800 students, hardware & software is approaching end of life. We would like to move to a virtual environment for distance & on-campus both.
      i. Suggestions
         1. Let Global pay for it or at least cost-share with them.
         2. Find out what depts. this serves?
         3. Some want this move up in priority, some want it moved down.
   g. CLC Hardware 3 yr. replacement – same issue as the DE redeploy.
   h. VMWare based SAP HANA classroom – current SAP HANA is being used for Research by Dr. Wunsch. Can only support one user at a time.
      i. Suggestions
         1. Cost share with the depts.?
   i. Standard support for nonstandard High Performance desktops
      i. Suggestions
         1. Stick with Dell Precisions
         2. Move this above CLC hardware replacement.
   j. Additional FTE for Help Desk extended hours – possible to outsource the support. Most interest comes from distance students.
      i. Suggestions
         1. Global pay for it?
   k. Enhanced Web Environment – replacing Tilde sites. Would prefer to move this into the cloud.
   l. Learning Commons – Would like to expand 3D printing & scanning. Current printer is almost at end of life. This would be a replacement.
   m. Walk-In Center remodel – having some work flow issues.
   n. Student emergency app – emergency phones on campus are not effective. They would like an emergency app that students can use on their mobile devices.
   o. Increase IT’s S&W budget
      i. Suggestions
         1. Move this item up 2 places on the priority list (above emergency app & walk-in center).
2. Would it help if the ITCC made a motion to increase the IT S&W salaries? – is this even appropriate for the ITCC to do? Perhaps just a general stand, not specific amounts.

Additional priorities:
• HPC hardware, one-time & continuing.
  o Suggestions
    ▪ Make this #4 on the list, below RSS Support position.
    ▪ Make it #1 on the list.

3. Research Computing: Richard Dawes meeting with the Provost
We collected a group of 31 people who supported this initiative. We are bringing in grants, overhead is going away, but infrastructure isn’t improving. Provost agreed with the importance of the initiative and that we should develop a plan, specifically regarding a CIO & a possible start-up package. We also requested an additional investment of $400K per year, for the next 3 years. Provost would like to meet sometime next week.
  Suggestion – make it more than just 3 years.

4. Action Item – send Dr. Vojta your suggestions on priority, perhaps your list of top 5 priorities.
  Suggestion – use a meeting such as this to work through this together.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.