

ITCC Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015

Attending: Thomas Vojta, Abhijit Gosavi, Nick Eggleston, Mark Bookout, Maggie Trish, John Bax, Meg Brady, Al Crosbie, Dan Uetrecht, John Singler, Fatih Dogan, Andreas Eckert, Brandi Klein, Richard Dawes, Jeff Schramm, Daniel Tauritz, Lori Duncan

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM.

1. Approve minutes of last meeting
Motion to approve by John Singler & Abhijit Gosavi 2nds. Unanimous vote to pass.
2. Election of officers – unanimous vote to approve candidates.
 - Chair Candidates - Thomas Vojta
 - Vice Chair Candidates - John Singler
 - Research Computing Subcommittee – Richard Dawes
 - eLearning Subcommittee – Jeff Schramm
 - Computer Security Subcommittee – Daniel Tauritz
3. IT Restructuring
 - a. EdTech move – moved to Global Learning eff. 9/1; reporting to Assistant Vice Chancellor Dr. Anthony Petroy. Working to move budget now. This move is part of the campus strategic plan. Meg has asked Dr. Petroy to attend an ITCC meeting sometime in the future to provide further information on the transition.
 - i. Concerns
 1. Is there a conflict of interest between on-campus & on-line classes; classroom equipment, CLCs, etc. Who gets priority?
 2. Who comes up with these proposals? Who approves/denies them? How does any of this get communicated to faculty? Seems to be a lack of communication.
 3. How does this new structure compare to the other 3 campuses? *All of them report to the Provost, not IT.*
 - b. CIO transition – no search committee has been established at this point, as far as we know.
4. IT Budget
 - a. Student IT Fee – the IT Fee has now been capped for the IT department (amount TBD), anything over the cap will not be managed by IT. In addition, approximately \$200K will come out of IT's portion to fund 2 FTE in Marketing & Communication for marketing staff with web expertise. Dan Uetrecht will be meeting with Vice Chancellor Branson to discuss this further.
 - i. Concerns
 1. Do not think it's appropriate to use IT Fee monies for the general revenue. If the fee is too high for proposed expenditures, then give the money back to the students.
 - ii. Suggestions
 1. Bring this to the attention of the Faculty Senate
 2. Dr. Vojta to contact the Provost & Vice Chancellor with ITCC concerns.
 - b. Workstation support changes – Dell has told us that the Precision machines will no longer have fixed configs. That causes IT problems with Windows builds. Therefore IT is moving Precision

machines off the standard build. For all new machines, there will now be a fee to do the build & an hourly fee for support issues. Current machines will be grandfathered in.

i. Questions

1. How many Precision machines are currently out there?
2. Could you upgrade the standard machine to the maximum, so it's similar to a Precision machine? *No, the standard machines are not sufficient for intensive computing needs.*

5. Research Computing

- a. Forge cluster – this machine doubled our capacity for compute cycles.
- b. Support position – Scott Hamilton left the university. Position has been posted.
- c. Student Experiential Learning through RSS – Greg really pushed for this & RSS started the ball rolling. Since then, the Provost is concerned about IT's role and whether involvement with experiential learning fits that role. Dan Utrecht met with Jeff Cawlfeld to discuss and Jeff is supportive of this role. Jeff, Dan & Bonnie Bachman will be meeting with the Provost in the future to discuss further.
 - i. Suggestions – create a one page list of ways that IT could assist with the academic depts. for their experiential learning projects.
- d. Approximately 30(?) faculty members have been meeting to discuss their concern about the level of support for researching computing & hardware resources. They will be bringing this to the attention of the administration once more information has been gathered.

6. Further IT updates

- a. Outdoor wireless – this has already started. Good coverage on the mall. Hope to finish in the next month or so.
- b. Data center consolidation – now looking at Cloud-based solutions. AWS (Amazon Web Services) is one possible solution; should save money. All administrative services will be moved to either UM or a Cloud service.
- c. ERP update – RFP has been created. Demos for a new HR solution should be coming in Nov. (Workday, Oracle & SAP) UM is looking at a hybrid model. Also trying to change the governance model for the student system.

7. LMS (Blackboard/Canvas) update – no new info since last ITCC meeting. We are doing an 'extended' pilot with 3,000 students this semester. Provosts will be meeting in May 2016 to make some sort of decision. Still not sure if all campuses will be required to use the same LMS.

- a. Question: Will you be doing a 'pilot' with any of the VCC courses? *We are not doing it now, but Canvas is capable of doing it.*
- b. Does Canvas allow you to do an academic alert? *You can do this through S&T Connect.*
- c. Suggestion – do a presentation for the department chairs to garner more support.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.