ITCC Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 12, 2010

1. Approval of April minutes (previously sent and attached again)
Vojta, 2nd Liu Carried unanimously.

2. Some IT offices moving, announcement by Margaret Cline

    Most IT management is moving into the IDE building. Some IT functions are staying where they are. All this is being sorted out so please call or email if you need to drop by to be sure where people are now located. There will eventually be an eConnection update.

3. Discussion with UM System VP for IT Gary Allen (open topics, email and shared services are likely to be discussed).

VP Allen circulated a document relating to shared services.
He provided some background information about how the process is unfolding, and distributed two documents from President Forsee's most recent report to the Board of Curators related to the shared services initiative. (attached.)

Faculty comments related to the fact that we don't want to repeat a Peoplesoft experience, or more recently, Procurement changes were viewed as a mandate. We don't want it to go like that for IT. Questions were raised about dollar amounts involved, although this information was not immediately available.

Wunsch pointed out that Missouri S&T is unique. 92% of students major in Science & Engineering, with even other majors having a technology focus, and IT here has unique usage profiles and unique expertise. IT is a strategic resource for us, not a commodity. He also stated that ITCC asserts authority for being involved in decisions and providing feedback over policy changes affecting IT. We should be part of the validation / sanity check process, at least. It was pointed out that it is much different to get feedback from a faculty committee than from high-level administrators.

Allen: No problem with that, will contact Steering Committee regarding ITCC input to the process. Affected people need to be involved in feedback.

Motion:
Crosbie, 2nd Vojta
Next ITCC meeting Wednesday, August 18, 4 PM, room 236 EECH.
Shared Services will be on the agenda.
Carried unanimously except for one abstention.

We don't usually meet in August, but this issue and its timing warrants a meeting.

The conversation then transitioned to the topic of student email:

Motion: Ryan Burkhorst, Student Council Rep
2nd Ben Payne, Council of Graduate Students

The ITCC supports the Student Council's recommendation from Student Council's last meeting that the University use Google mail as the students' primary email system.
Discussion ensued.

Friendly amendment 1. (suggested by Wunsch, accepted my both above.): In response to the Student Council's recommendation from Student Council's last meeting, the ITCC recommends that , the University do a pilot study of Google mail for students.

Friendly amendment 2. (suggested by G. Allen, accepted my both above.): In response to the Student Council's recommendation from Student Council's last meeting, the ITCC recommends that Missouri S&T do a pilot study of Google mail for students.
Carried unanimously.

More discussion of above motion prior to vote. Pilot of Outlook Live was not popular. Uterecht was asked if IT was capable of and ready to initiate a Gmail pilot, and he asserted that IT was ready. Allen clarified that his office did not intend any mandate against a pilot of Gmail on the Missouri S&T campus. We were about to start a pilot of Gmail but it wasn't done. General discussion about reasons for this. Question was raised about Faculty email. Nothing underway currently but could be outsourced in the future. ITCC asserted the importance of involving it in any such process also.

4. Computer Security Awareness Brainstorming to plan for October Computer Security Awareness Month

Topics like telephone passcode protection and password security were mentioned.
Send Karl and Don ideas.
Contests, competitions, and measurable benchmarks were suggested.
Free food is always popular on a university campus.
Computer Security task force will also be asked for ideas.
Vendor donations would be helpful.