

ITCC Meeting Minutes October 14, 2015

Attending: Thomas Vojta, Al Crosbie, Cathy Allison, Maggie Trish, Melanie Mormile, Cheryl Ahrens, John Bax, Daniel Tauritz, Barry Flachsbart, Dan Uetrecht, John Singler, K. Krishnamurthy, Zhaozheng Yin, Mark Bookout, Nathan Bookout, Maciej Zawodniok, Audreas Eckert, Meg Brady, Lori Duncan

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM.

1. Approve minutes of last meeting

Motion to approve by John Singler & Barry Flachsbart 2nds. Unanimous vote to pass.

2. Data center consolidation, ERP (PeopleSoft) updates

- DCC: We are moving more towards the cloud as opposed to hosted services from UM; mainly due to cost. We are still working on a procurement method for that. An RFP should be going out soon. Internet 2's Net+ system would be providing this service. Missouri has some pretty stringent laws regarding these types of contracts, so we are trying to work on a state-wide contract without having to go through Net 2. This is definitely the best plan for our campus & will save us money.
- ERP: The HR portion was due today. Demos will be the 2nd week of November. A decision should be made by the end of December. Student portion – still trying to determine a good governance structure for that.

3. EdTech move to Global Learning

The announcement should be coming soon. S&W budget has already been moved. We are meeting on 10-16-15 to discuss next steps.

- Question: What is the vision behind this? *To provide the same level of educational services for both on-campus students and on-line students. Previously, the services for the 2 different types of students were being run separately & may not have been consistent.*
- Question: In the 10-8-15 meeting we talked about re-evaluated the priorities for IT monies. How did this move become a priority? Why were faculty not included in this decision?

4. Research Computing updates

- The Forge has been running well. It has more capacity than we are currently using.
- We are investigating bringing some training classes for graduate students. Let Mark Bookout know if you have suggestions/ideas.
- Power outage hit the CUDA cluster, we are still working on that.
- The candidates for the open position to replace Scott Hamilton have all been rejected. The position will be reposted. Let us know if you know of anyone that might be interested.
- RTD – If you are interested in having it next year, let us know ASAP; we need to start planning now.
 - Question: what did we gain from it? Was it worth it?

5. Potential fees for nonstandard hardware (workstations) and redeploy computers

- Nonstandard Hardware Fees: Several new faculty members have expressed displeasure with this. Someone in particular wanted to know why they had to pay a fee to install the software when they can do it themselves. The non-standard policy has been in effect for a long time. It recently became a problem when we moved Precisions off the standard build. The faculty may download the software themselves if they want (on non-standard machines only), but there is a form they,

or their admin, must complete first. Just know that there will be support issues surrounding this. Our current decision is that we are NOT charging for this at this time.

- Question: Can we have a standard machine just for Researchers? *It's possible to look at another vendor or another machine within Dell's line.*
- Question: Can we ask those who currently use Precision machines why they wanted the Precision? *We did.*

- Redeploys: there are less of them available. The typical destination for a redeploy is a grad student. Microsoft has stated that a machine must be used by multiple students in a lab environment in order to utilize the license legally.
 - Question: What was the savings for going to a 4 year life-cycle? *About \$100K.*
 - Question: What if we went back to a 3 year cycle? *We can consider that.*

6. User web spaces

We have been trying to get rid of the old user web for many years now. We have recently been telling people to move to Google sites. We are still suggesting this, but are not mandating it. Our web team will actually assist in building the site if you use Google. If we decide to keep this type of service here, it will probably be moved to the cloud. We will discuss this more in the November meeting.

7. Update on MyVita (Melanie Mormile)

The team has reached out to select faculty members to test the program. It should go live the week of Nov. 12th. Faculty will need to be sure to check their profiles to make sure they are correct. Around Dec. 4th, the activity form will be available. Work history, research productivity, courses they have taught should already be loaded. UM is currently transferring info from the FAS system. Can use Web of Science to upload the information.

- Question: Will there be an ability to go the other direction...MyVita auto-fill to Web of Science?
No. You will still need to enter the info into Web of Science.

8. Blackboard/Canvas policy change re adding TAs and graders

Postponing this discussion to the Nov. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM.