

IT Council Meeting Minutes
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I. CIO Updates – Huskamp

-Jeff gave an in-depth report on e-mail issues since beginning of semester. There have been no significant issues reported during the past 2 weeks.

-IT security audit project that will bring UM into full compliance with the USM Audit Guidelines is 90% complete, up 4% from the September IT Council meeting.

-UMUC has requested access to the UM wireless network for their students. The difficulties in providing this service include: authentication, cost to UMUC for development, cost to UMUC for ongoing service, security coordination and resources required for development and maintenance. The IT Council advised that we should work with UMUC to provide this capability and use the resulting funding stream to help pay network costs.

-The number of unique users on the wireless network each day averages 12,000/day – more than double the total last spring. 90% are students.

-RIAA copyright complaints are down dramatically since the campus blocked access to ARES and LimeWire services.

-OIT 2.0 is an internal OIT project to define what the next generation OIT organization and services will be, and will be used in the development of the next revision of the OIT 10 year plan.

-Barnes and Noble's University Book Center notified OIT that they will be exiting the campus software business. OIT will pick up responsibility for course required software probably in the fall.

II. Subcommittee Reports

-Enterprise Administration Applications Advisory Committee (Edwards): The committee explored prioritization of administrative application effort and reviewed progress toward creating a software development organization.

-Best Practice Committee (Borkowski): The committee is looking for opportunities to explore economies of scale.

-Finance Committee (Chrismer): The business plan created by OIT's Software Licensing Group was reviewed and endorsed by the committee. This plan includes the pricing algorithm for software items.

-Portal Committee (Edwards): Faculty and staff functionality will begin to appear. So far, most of the effort has been spent on enhancing the student view.

-Security Committee (Sneeringer): The committee is exploring a standard for protecting sensitive data.

III. Strategic Planning - Farvardin

-Four strategic planning subcommittees have begun to meet:

- Campus locale
- CORE curriculum
- Graduate education
- International programs

These committees will provide input into the strategic planning process. Input has also been solicited from the university community that can be submitted via the Web.

-First draft of the strategic plan is expected in February, with revisions to follow.

-Final plan should be completed in May 2008.

IV. Course Evaluation – Borkowski and Edwards

-Course evaluation software was not released on time.

-Issues included problems with loading the courses to be evaluated into the program and inefficiencies that made response time to submissions unacceptable.

V. Priority Restoration for Telecom-Brown

-Willie presented the priority list of voice connections that would be restored in the event of an emergency. Suggestions from the Council included putting the Vice Presidents on the list and asking for input from Public Safety and other relevant campus organizations.

VI. Illegal File Sharing-Sneeringer

-Blocking the ARES and LimeWire protocols from going off-campus effectively eliminated detectable illegal file sharing on campus. The number of RIAA letters dropped from 133 in September to 14 in November.

ACTION: Invite Anne Bowden to discuss Fair Use at the next IT Council meeting.

VII. Blackboard Plagiarism Detection Tool Discussion Update

-SafeAssign gives students an opportunity to submit their work for review in "draft" mode so that the student can see what the results are before the paper is turned in for grading. The discussion was lively but the IT Council did not take a position on this item, waiting instead for more campus discussion. Analysis of the proposed measure originated with Laura Moore, President of the Graduate Student Government, to address GA workload issues. The Provost will make the final decision on how to proceed on this.

ACTION: E-mail campus organization visit plans for Safe Assign to the Council.