Information Technology Standing Committee

MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2012     4 - 5 P.M.

MEETING CALLED BY: Laura Spray
TYPE OF MEETING: Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR: Laura Spray
NOTE TAKER: Kim Haverkamp
ATTENDEES: Frederick Berry, Aimee DeChambeau, Trevor Engelsman, Mary Hardin, Kim Haverkamp, Stewart Moritz, Eric Mundy, Kellen Reusser, Jim Sage, Mark Shermis, Laura Spray, Yincai Xiao
Absent: Alvaro Rodriguez

Agenda topics

4:00 – 4:05 CALL TO ORDER
LAURA SPRAY

DISCUSSION
Laura Spray called the meeting to order and the February 28th meeting minutes were approved. The minutes are posted on the UC SharePoint site.

4:05 – 4:50 NETWORK UPGRADES
KATHIE RUTHER AND JIM MILLER

DISCUSSION
Kathy Ruther, Director of Network and Telecommunications, and Jim Miller, Lead Network Engineer, discussed networking utilization and demand. The following is a summary of the presentation:

- Network and Communication Services are seeing demands for bandwidth. The demand has doubled from 200 to 400 in the last two years. They are implementing a plan to increase bandwidth to 1 gig.
- A pilot project has been implemented at the Student Union to analyze the amount of strain that is on the wireless network and identify traffic. Kathy will receive the initial data next week. Jim Sage can give Committee members access to the dashboard that IT is monitoring.
- 60% of the network’s usage is wireless. They anticipate that the wireless usage will increase to 90% of the network’s usage within the next three years.
- They are working on a way to dynamically allocate bandwidth based on need. During the day, the majority of the bandwidth will be allocated to faculty and staff by assigning them an SSID in order to protect the academic side. During the evening the majority of the bandwidth will be allocated to the residence halls and the students will have more than they have had in the past.
- An upgrade on the hardware across campus will be done in phases. The wireless upgrade needs to be implemented first.

The handouts distributed during the presentation are posted in the Information Technology Standing Committee section of the UC SharePoint site.

ACTION ITEMS

4:50 – 5:10 ISSUE BRIEF
JIM SAGE

DISCUSSION
Jim Sage discussed an issue brief that University Council referred to the Committee regarding the Pearson eLearning initiative. He explained details of the Pearson eLearning Initiative and provided a draft response. Committee members were asked to review the Issue Brief and the draft response and send suggested revisions to Jim Sage by Monday, March 26. Jim Sage will send the final issue brief response to the Committee before it goes to UC.

ACTION ITEMS