

Campus Technology Policy & Planning Council
April 30, 2007
1:00 – 2:30 pm
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Present: Ann Beck, Sara Campbell, Dan Hayden, Trish Klass, Brent Paterson, Bob Rariden,
Beth Schobernd, Mark Walbert, & Shari Zeck

Absent: Bob Aaron, Alan Lacy, and Jim Moon

Guest: President Bowman

Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced President Al Bowman, who spoke to the group about the IT Strategic Plan.

Dr. Bowman started by thanking the group for all the work involved in writing the IT Strategic Plan. He stated that it is obvious we need more funding for technology and current budgets cannot meet these needs. We have had a \$93,000,000 loss in state support over the last 5 years with a \$73,000,000 backlog of deferred maintenance. These dollars will not be recovered in the short term. Only \$1.5 million is being added to ISU's GR budget this year and Dr. Bowman indicated that these funds will be used to enhance salaries. He stated that, over time, ISU hopes to regain the previously rescinded GR funds back. There is a need for Illinois State University to generate more dollars and be more efficient with the funds we collect. Serious consideration will be given to the plan and money will be allocated for short term priorities. Dr. Bowman stated that he especially liked Goal 1 and the priorities that it creates.

Dr. Bowman encouraged the Tech Council to meet with the *Educating Illinois* Task Force to be sure we are on their radar screen. [MW: The Tech Council spoke with Educating Illinois Task Force representatives on 3/5/2007.] He stated that he recognizes that we are asking for a sizeable amount of money and explained that we will not be able to fund everything but will fund the essential elements. This will begin to build a system we will all be proud of. The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the IT Strategic Plan on Friday, May 11 and we should know more after that. Dr. Bowman indicated that there is long term optimism but caution at this time.

Dr. Bowman indicated that there has been a flip between state support and tuition fund revenue. Fortunately, people are willing to pay a premium to come here. There is no danger of enrollment slip – our enrollment is up. But, we need to be aggressive to generate revenue in order to accomplish some of the one time expenditures. The lack of state support is statewide. There are opportunities for us to act as if we are a private institution more so than we used to and we need to begin operating in this manner.

A committee member asked if technology is under-funded in higher education institutions across the state. Dr. Bowman indicated that discussions about state support tend to be more global and not really about technology but rather more about salaries and deferred maintenance concerns.

The President encouraged everyone to come see him if they have any questions.

Old Business:

Final Revised ITSP

Mark announced that the final version of the ITSP has been sent out and he asked for any feedback from committee members. On April 12th, he met with the President's Cabinet on the ITSP and the bulk of the discussion was on the environmental scan. He indicated that he knows it is important to Dr. Bowman to have classrooms with appropriate technology. Steve Adams brought up the detailed distributed IT support model and Mark discussed how that might be accomplished.

Mark indicated that he has met with Bob Aaron regarding a cover page for the IT Strategic Plan. He asked the Committee members to give him an estimate of how many copies they would need for their constituency committees. Some more groups were added to the list of people who would receive hard copies of the Plan. And, there may be a one-pager marketing the Plan.

End of the Year Dell Purchases

15-25% (\$80,000 - \$100,000) was saved. We got a great deal on four year warranties, but this did lead to some problems as the auditors do not like four year warranties so we will have to resolve this for next year. There will be another bulk purchase in May but we may not get the same savings. Dell's quarters end in April and October and that helps give us our best prices.

Apple Bulk Purchase

There will also be an Apple bulk purchase in May. There was a short discussion about the fact that we have to have all requisitions in by a certain date in order to spend FY07 dollars. Mark indicated that he would remember this and send everyone a copy of the deadlines.

Meeting Maker/Outlook

Mark announced that we have not received any money for this initiative but we are moving ahead and hoping for reimbursement. Carla will be meeting with each of the committee members in order to discuss the details. Mark will check on these details and let the Council know so they can inform their tech personnel. Mark will be working with the helpdesk staff regarding the Outlook changes.

New Business:

Brainstorm Strategic Plan tasks

Mark asked the group for feedback on how items could be gathered into logical groups for brainstorming sessions. We need to take all the action items and group them together.

We will focus on grouping Action Items related to security at the May 7 meeting. He asked each committee member to look for security issues and prioritize them prior to the May 7 meeting.

Mark announced that he would like to do the complete Client Satisfaction Survey in the fall...

Announcements:

The Tech Tuition Working Group will not meet tomorrow since we still don't have software costs. Georgia will reschedule the meeting.

Communications Technology Advisory Group

Mark indicated that he had met with Scott on this and the report was that communications were opened and three people learned something they didn't know before.

Tech Zone Computer nights

This is the fourth year the TechZone has sponsored Computer Nights in Tinley Park, Schaumburg, and at ISU. Mark has happily attended each of these successful programs. This year saw the largest number of advanced orders placed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

May 7, 2007

1:00 – 2:30 pm

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