

Campus Technology Policy & Planning Council
October 8, 2007
1:00 – 2:30 pm
DeGarmo 551

Present: Ann Beck, Galen Crow, Dan Hayden, Trish Klass, Alan Lacy, Caroline Mallory, Jim Moon, Brent Paterson, Beth Schobernd, Mark Walbert, and Shari Zeck

Absent: Bob Aaron

Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Old Business

Update on draft Procedure for Use of Cellular Services for University Business (9.4.9)

Mark reported that there has been a lot of feedback from various groups on campus regarding this new procedure and explained that the comptroller's office is now preferring to do stipends rather than reimbursements in order to comply with IRS rules, which means that these stipends would be taxed. Mark will report more as he learns it.

Bill Blomgren starting to update Appropriate Use Policy...

Mark asked everyone to take a look at issues that they feel should be covered by this. This is the policy that everyone is supposed to read and sign when they activate their ULID. Committee members were asked to send suggestions and comments to Mark who would collate and forward them to Bill Blomgren.

IT Strategic Plan

The plan is being printed now. It should be available at the next Council meeting...

Online Dashboard

Mark asked for a volunteer to help track the status of Action Items in the ITSP and keep it updated on an online dashboard.

New Business

TSAC: Request to purchase campus-wide licenses for Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack (handout)

Mark distributed a request from TSAC (the first they have made) for the funds to purchase of some additional software under our Microsoft Campus Agreement (MCA). Committee members reviewed and discussed the request for Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack. The cost would be approximately \$18,000 for the next two years and Mark suggested that the cost be shared. This would help improve tech staff productivity managing computers in their area. There are about 12 people on TSAC – someone from every area of campus with each person representing a cluster of tech support areas.

Because the Council does not have a budget, the group discussed sharing expense for this request. Mark indicated that this request has campus wide implications and if the cost is divided between Vice Presidential areas, then it is doable. Shari suggested that we request that TSAC come up with a package of things that they are interested in so we can approach VP's. Mark agreed as long as the list was presented to the Council once a year (say in January). Then this would be a way to plan for FY09 IT initiatives and help us develop a process to use in the future. It would also indicate to TSAC that we are listening and paying attention. The request was put on hold until the next meeting so members could discuss with their staff.

Access and Identity Management Working Group (AIM WG) to begin work...

Shari, Galen & Mark will be meeting later today to discuss this. This working group, comprised of 23 people from across campus, will be covering Goal 4, action items 1, 2, & 4.

New WG on digital signage backend support — Doug Smith, Chair

A number of areas want to buy digital signage so Mark decided that we needed a working group of areas who already have digital signage. He asked committee members to send him names if you know of others who are interested.

Williams Outstanding Technology Service Award

Selection committee members are needed and Mark asked for volunteers to serve on this subcommittee this year. This recipient of this award receives \$500, a plaque, and recognition at Founder's Day on February 21, 2008. Trish asked if the questions they asked last year could be answered before they start reading nominations this year. She and Alan Lacy indicated that they would serve on the committee again this year.

Announcements

There is a retirement reception being held for Bob Aaron from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Founders Suite on the 15th.

Mark Walbert

- New Computer Ownership Initiative first computer grants issued:
 - 24 computers were purchased from Dell at a reduced rate for this academic year.
 - Funded through grant from regional donor.
 - Microsoft donated copies of Office.
 - TechZone contributed laptop locks, networking cables, and backpacks.
 - First group of 9 computers have been distributed to the COE's Chrysalis students. Mark met with the 1st 9 of these students. If the student is Junior in good standing, the computer is theirs. Otherwise it has to be returned to the University.

Cogent contract:

- Mark explained the new commodity Internet contract signed!
 - from 100 Mbps, through Level 3, to 1,000 Mbps through Cogent.
 - Leverages our IWire connection to High Performance networks.
 - New bandwidth totals: 1,200 Mbps commodity + 1,000 Mbps high performance.
 - Price per unit drops by more than 93%!
 - L3 now - \$150/Mbps * 100 Mbps * 12 = \$180K
 - Cogent - \$ 10/Mbps * 1000 Mbps * 12 = \$120K
 - [ICN now - \$ 75/Mbps * 200 Mbps * 12 = \$180K]

- BMI voted one of America's Top Ten Techiest Cities (#6, Computerworld).

Cybersecurity Awareness Week

Mark announced that we have been having more responses on the quiz than we did last year. Silvia Razka won this week and her name will go back in for the grand prize.

Dan Hayden

Computer Disposal:

In the past, we have complied with the rule that any computer that is turned in has to have the disk wiped clean by using drill press to drill holes in them. However, not all state agencies have been following these rules. So, the state has decided they will work with a company in Moline who is going to wipe them clean for \$35 per machine. New computers will have a \$35 tax on them in order to pay for this when they are retired from service so the dollars will be there when it is time to dispose of them. There will not be a cost to turn them in now.

The meeting was dismissed @ 2:14 pm.

Next Meeting

Monday, October 22

1:00 – 2:30 pm

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