

Campus Technology Policy & Planning Council
Meeting of June 20, 2005
1:00 – 2:30 pm
DeGarmo 551

Present: Beckie Benner, Sara Campbell, Sam Catanzaro, Galen Crow, Dan Hayden, Beth Schobernd, Mark Walbert, and Jeff Wood

Absent: Edgar Norton, Brent Paterson, Barbara Nourie, and Shari Zeck

Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

New Business

External Environmental Scan:

Mark distributed a handout regarding benchmarking schools and IT Funding Strategies. He announced the homework assignment for the next meeting will be to take the summary and decide what we should be learning from these. We will be writing the goals for IT for Illinois State University. Attached to the handout is an assignment sheet for the top ten current IT Issues.

Mark began a discussion regarding funding IT issues and options. He went through the list of schools that referred to funding. The average fee is \$150 per year per student. The group had a short discussion about this. Since we are not looking at enrollment growth at Illinois State University, it may be better for us to do a percentage rather than a flat amount per student. Right now we have about \$50 per student. Many of them stated “assuming we have the money”. ISU has never had a funding model for IT so we will probably have it on our list. This group has been charged with stopping duplicate services to save money.

Security and Identity Management

Beth gave a report on the security and identity management for external constituencies. Some schools consolidated e-mail servers, etc to save money. There were campus wide discussions regarding how they would enforce the policies they had set forth. A few did talk about fiscal vulnerability. Ball State was not as detailed as the others. Many schools did not have a disaster recovery plan.

Administrative/ERP Information Systems

Beckie gave a report stating that Greensboro had the most data concerning this. Dan stated that he would have more information from ERP. Many thought they had to solve the Y2K problem. Each software program has a list of best practices. If we would do this, we need to compare what our best practices are as compared to the different software practices so that minimal change is needed. These are some philosophical issues that need to be discussed. Dan would like to go through and send information to everyone on the committee. We could save some money going to ERP but the cost of implementing those packages could be very expensive. Going to an ERP can be very expensive. We would have integrated data with an ERP. Dan will try to summarize and send to the committee.

Strategic Planning for IT: Sam

Infrastructure Management for IT: Sara Campbell

The theme seemed to be consistent across the reports. She mentioned that Ball State seemed more detailed and specific. Something we need to talk about in our report is regularly planned maintenance.

Faculty Development, Support, & Training: Jeff Wood

Jeff reported that other schools had workshops with stipends. Some do “show & tell” sessions. Some used other ways of communication and encouraging innovation. The common thread through all of them is money. This is what was found using Google and he will now go through the benchmarking schools and see if he finds the same results and let the group know. He mentioned that many cited grant funding for some of these initiatives. Mark stated that this is one of the tasks of the new CTLT unit for the next year.

E-Learning/Distance Teaching and Learning: Galen Crow

Santa Cruz & Ball State did not address the issue. Greensboro, Bowling Green, University of Miami, and Milwaukee all talked about it. We need to think about the goals concerning this. He stated that we are ahead of those benchmarking schools that he reviewed.

Governance, Organization, and Leadership for IT: Mark Walbert & Dan Hayden

Mark reported that centralization comes up a lot (consolidating web servers, labs, etc....). Mark & Dan are sending their directors to Project Management School. There was one school that had put in a Project Management Director and a Communications Manager. One of the reasons we are going is to get a handle on costs management is that there are projects being implemented that no one has approved.

Homework

Mark asked everyone to take the theme and the bulleted points and consider those here, while also considering our goals. If you have data questions, please contact Mark or Dan. This will serve to start our conversation for the next meeting on July 11, 2005. The goal will be to have that external scan done and be ready to start the internal scan.

Announcements

Mark announced he has received positive feedback from the Dean but has not yet heard from all of them on the Vision, Mission & Guiding Principles. Just as soon as we have, we will be sharing these with everyone.

Mark will be sending everyone the IT Strategic Plan for CU Bolder in the next few days. We would like to take the external scan as well as the Internal scan and write a paper using the benchmarking schools. The next meeting will not be until July 11, 2005. We were hoping to have the external scan done by the end of June.

There are two sources of data. Dan & Mark visited with Bill Cummins regarding this but decided it would take too long to present these in a meeting. So they asked that the committee do a comparative data study on different subject matters when they are doing the external scans. Two paragraphs to a page would be sufficient. We can then do a comparison with Illinois State University. The website they looked at is data base driven and has a large number of schools in it with lots of different data, which could be very helpful.

The meeting was adjourned.

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July 11, 2005

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