

**Meeting minutes from the November 17, 2000**  
**CAMPUS WEB PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Present:** Michael Baum, Pam Burress, Jim Cunningham, Ryan Klos, Carl Manns, Doug Mock, Ray Smock, Mark Troester, Sarah Walczynski

**Absent:** Jody DeCremer, Melissa Enderlin, Ken Fansler, Pete Juvinal, Trisha Klass, Kate Plantholt, Cheryl Young

**Guests:** David Greenfield (CISS representative), Rudy Radosevich (CISS representative), Penny Hankins (Technical Writer)

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**Review of the November 3, 2000 meeting (Mark & Pam)**

**Rudy Radosevich and David Greenfield of Computer Infrastructure Support Services**

- 4.3 (www.ilstu.edu) is a SUN Enterprise server (new, high end, large capacity) which offers personal web space to all faculty, staff, and students of ISU, as well as, departmental space, class info space, project space, etc. Since it is housed in Julian, there is a backup diesel generator, plus a Julian Hall electrical UPS, plus it has it's own high end electrical UPS. There is also a tape backup unit/schedule in place.
- Organizing the data and making certain the web addresses are consistent/clean is a large task. Currently, Rudy's area is working with Mark Troester's area to "clean" up the address names.
- Web space has a default limit of 10mb soft and 20mb hard. It can and has been expanded upon request (double the size limits, but is not publicized at present time).
- Questions were raised as to the ownership of published faculty papers. Our committee could come up with recommendations for faculty space... i.e.: 1) place under their name since they feel they own the material, or 2) place under class space since they are shared classes with other instructors. FYI, web sites can be password protected (secure certificates) or can use authentication for students in the class to get to ~facultyulid class info. Summary of the questions: How much space should be provided and where should this space be (~ulid or class space)?
- Another question raised was the accountability for pages over 5 years old. It was discussed that the Mennonite web data model is a good example of how it could work cleanly, while data is easily gotten to by the users (students) and maintained by instructors. The administrator (Doug Mock) has some control of where the data resides.
- Question: What limits can be set for faculty, grad students, alumni, undergraduates? (Note: For alumni, data remains up to 4 months after graduation, and LDAP directory information can be updated for 1 year after graduation. Faculty/Staff keep all data for 1 year after termination.)
- Question: When should prospective students be added to the system? Right now, as soon as a student is admitted, they show up in the LDAP system. The activation process (explained during preview and passages) can be used at any time, creating the problem that high school students can activate their accounts.
- FYI: Looking into a "secure shell" for other ISP providers so that those not wanting to pay long distance phone charges may go through other ISP's to get all ISU services.
- FYI: No FTP on 4.3 for security reasons.
- Folder structure: Mennonite's (Doug Mock) model allows faculty to still have ~ulid space, but also have shared course file space. Question for a guideline proposal: How should ~space or department space be recommended for use?
- For programming languages and databases, PHP is the primary programming language and they are hopeful for funding for Oracle soon. No front page extensions are available on this UNIX box for security reasons, but maybe they could get funding for an additional server to run MS on it (much more secure).
- Question: Where are the web servers on campus? If there is a web presence, are they secure, redundant, and survivable? If not, should this data reside on the main 4.3 web server?
- Question: When the portal comes to campus, how can we get student accounts to map to all the appropriate course schedules if there are multiple web sites on campus?
- Rudy discussed virtual hosting (redirecting). One example was Mennonite's page which is really [http://\\_\\_\\_/\\_\\_\\_/\\_\\_\\_/\\_\\_\\_/\\_\\_\\_](http://___/___/___/___/___) which takes you to [www.mcn.ilstu.edu/\\_\\_\\_](http://www.mcn.ilstu.edu/___). The web server is set up to make it look like a short address if on 4.3. Also, domain zone names associated with department or unit can be shorted to a virtual host name.
- Dave Greenfield asked our committee to consider naming issues/standards like [www.deptorunit.ilstu.edu](http://www.deptorunit.ilstu.edu) and [www.ilstu.edu/service](http://www.ilstu.edu/service).

**Tentative agenda for the next meeting**

- illinoisstate.edu possibilities and ilstu.org for advertising/commerce/selling (like the Vidette).
- Faculty space for sponsored organizations.
- Set next few meeting times (bring your calendars).

**Next meetings**

- Friday, December 1, 306 Edwards Hall , 9:15am
- Friday, December 15, TBA, 9:15am