IT Council Minutes
Carrington Hall 203
December 4, 2012

Members Present: Jeff Morrissey, Greg Rainwater, Sue Ingram, Sarah Caldwell, Mark Putman, Thomas Peters, Kevin Piercy, Jordan McGee, Ken McClure
Members Absent: David Hough, Earle Doman
Guests Present: Angela Barker, Dave Caravella, Josh Stuppy

The IT Council meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. and the Chair determined a quorum was present.

Minutes from the October 2nd meeting were reviewed. Greg Rainwater moved to approve the minutes; Mark Putman seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Next Generation Network Implementation Update – Josh Stuppy

Josh Stuppy provided a brief Next Generation Network implementation update. The last item on the University’s networking infrastructure upgrade is the edge wireless devices. Once completed, the NGN can provide 1Gb speeds to desktop computers, greatly increasing the network speed during downloads, especially of larger files. These new devices also support voice over IP (VoIP) which will allow for a more flexible phone system.

To date, about 30% of the academic and administrative buildings on the Springfield campus are completed, with another 20% scheduled to be finished before the start of the spring semester. This keeps us on track to have 95% of the Springfield campus completed by the end of July 2013. The residence halls are scheduled to be upgraded during the summer break. Upgrades to the units in West Plains and Mountain Grove are moving along. West Plains has four buildings completed, with three more scheduled for completion in March.

Josh Stuppy has been working with the deans and/or their designees to schedule building upgrades in order to minimize classroom interruptions. An announcement was provided in the Provost Communiqué last month about the upgrade and what it means to the Missouri State community.

Mark Putman inquired about these services to the third floor offices in Craig Hall. Due to a lack of proper conduit, the edge devices cannot be readily installed in this area. Mark asked if there was a plan in place to work out this issue. Josh Stuppy replied that he will look into it. Planning Design and Construction will need to be involved since they will have to install all the proper wiring first.

Tom Peters asked about the type of trends we are seeing on campus with wireless usage. Josh Stuppy replied that at any given peak time, we are seeing around 4,000 active users on the system. Currently, our license will allow for 5,000 concurrent users. With this upgrade, we may need to look into adding more licenses in the near future.

Jeff Morrissey added that anyone with questions, requests, or comments concerning this upgrade can be directed to Josh Stuppy, Mark Harsen, or himself.
ITAC Update – Angela Barker, Dave Caravella, Kevin Piercy

Angela Barker distributed an ITAC Activity Update handout. Angela went over the handout in detail. Action items were discussed and voting on these items was tabled until the next meeting so there is time to absorb all the information presented. Understanding that the prices may change between now and February, prompt action on these items was requested by the ITAC Executive Committee.

Jeff Morrissey inquired about the costs associated with the theft of instructional technology components on campus. Dave Caravella commented that technology theft is down since various security measures have been implemented. He also discussed the issue with replacement of missing or burned out projector bulbs. Minor theft of the bulbs is occurring, but the larger issue is that many instructors are leaving the projectors on after leaving the room. The rooms with a Crestron system will automatically turn off all devices plugged into it at midnight. Those without this system will stay on until manually turned off. These scenarios cause an increase in the need to replace projector bulbs.

Jeff Morrissey asked about the life-cycle program. Dave Caravella explained the 5-year replacement plan, how it was arrived at, and the plans to fund future replacements.

Glass Hall Open-Access Computer Lab Renovation – Jordan McGee, Kevin Piercy

Jordan McGee provided a brief update on the Glass Hall open-access lab renovation project. There have been several planning meetings with the architects, SGA, and Computer Services but the final recommendation is not ready to present to the council. Jordan McGee will present the recommendation to IT Council when ready.

SCUF Wage Increase for January 2013 – Greg Rainwater

Greg Rainwater discussed the federal minimum wage increase and how it will affect the SCUF funded full-time employees, students and graduate assistants currently working in the labs.

New Business – None

Mark Putman moved to adjourn; Jordan McGee seconded the motion to adjourn. All approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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