

**IT Council Minutes**  
**Carrington Hall 203**  
**May 9, 2017**

**Members Present:** Jeff Morrissey, Greg Rainwater, Paul Majkut, Gloria Galanes, Cynthia MacGregor, Rob Moore, Abdillahi Dirie, Sarah Caldwell, Kevin Piercy, Tom Peters, Rob Hornberger

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Ian Alaimo

The IT Council Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. and the Council Chair determined a quorum was present.

Minutes from the March 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Gloria Galanes moved to approve the minutes. Paul Majkut seconded the motion, all approved and the motion carried.

**Cheek Hall Computer Lab Renovation** – Jeff Morrissey

Jeff briefed council members on the upcoming renovation plans for the Cheek Hall Open-Access Computer Lab. Jeff informed the Council that the Board of Governors has approved the plan for the renovation of the lab and the staff offices within that area and the renovation will commence on May 23, 2017 and is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the Fall 2017 semester.

**Student Computer Usage Fee (SCUF) items** – Greg Rainwater

Greg informed council members that based on a recommendation from the Campus User Support Committee, a decision has been made not to proceed with the planned volume purchase of computers for university computer labs using the FY 2017 SCUF Central Computers Fund. Instead, approximately 600 of the existing discipline-specific lab computers will be updated with new solid-state drives (SSDs). This plan will greatly improve the performance of those systems while extending their useful lifecycle and resulting in significant savings.

**Instructional Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)** – Ian Alaimo

Ian briefed council members on the progress of the membership changes occurring with the Instructional Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC). SGA Representative Abdillahi Dirie will inform the Student Body President that two new SGA Representatives are needed for the committee.

Ian updated council members on the progress of the Classroom High-Density Wireless Expansion Project, which included a recommendation of buildings for future expansion. After further discussion, Jeff suggested that Ian revisit the projection system topic regarding connectivity to the network for the Missouri State Alert System.

Additional updates will be discussed at future IT Council meetings.

### **Learning Management System Advisory Committee (LMSAC)** – Kevin Piercy

Kevin updated council members on the Blackboard Learn and Blackboard Collaborate contracts, which were set to expire at the end of April 2017. A two-month contract extension was signed to extend these contracts through June 30, 2017, which will allow the university to align the contract periods with the university fiscal year and result in some one-time savings. A new one-year contract extension is subsequently planned to go into effect on July 1, 2017 and run through June 30, 2018, which will allow the committee to further investigate hosting options before signing a new multi-year contract.

Kevin briefly discussed the plan to upgrade the Blackboard Learn hosting systems hardware by purchasing two new servers using funds from the FY 2017 SCUF Central Learning Management System (LMS) budget. These servers will provide the capacity needed for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters, but further expansion may be needed as use of the LMS continues to grow. The committee is working to address these needs by investigating Blackboard's Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution, which would provide cloud-based hosting for the LMS and eliminate the need to purchase more hosting hardware in the future, as well as providing better continuity of operations in case of a disaster. Preliminary investigations have been completed and look promising, and more detailed investigations involving larger constituent groups are planned to begin in July 2017.

Kevin informed council members that there would be a LMSAC update at the next meeting.

### **New business** - Jeff Morrissey

Jeff distributed the documents titled "Information Classification: Op 12.07-14 Information Classification" and "Cloud Services: Op 12.07-XX Cloud Services" and reviewed them with council members. Jeff informs council members that the document titled "Information Classification: Op 12.07-14 Information Classification" will replace the Data Classification: Op 12.07-14 that is currently in the policy library. Jeff requests that the council members familiarize themselves with the new policies.

Greg Rainwater motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gloria Galanes seconded the motion, all approved and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.