IT Council Minutes
Carrington Hall 203
April 1, 2014
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Morrissey, Greg Rainwater, Sarah Caldwell, Mark Putman, Ken McClure, Sue Ingram, Kevin Piercy, David Hough, Thomas Peters

Members Absent: Sam Wagner, Steve Foucart, Robert Hornberger

Guests: Theresa McCoy, Dixie Williams, Frank Einhellig, Josh Stuppy, James Sottile

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

Minutes from the March 25th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Mark Putman moved to approve the minutes. Greg Rainwater seconded the motion, all approved and the motion carried.

Network Advisory Committee (NAC) Report – Josh Stuppy

Josh Stuppy, NAC Chairperson, discussed the distributed handout titled "IT Council – Network Advisory Committee (NAC)" to council members. Discussion with the council included identifying the needs and plans to accomplish the 100% wireless goal of the 2011-2016 long-range plan and other recommendations to improve the overall performance of the wireless network. A few of the areas discussed were:

- Density and Effective Availability
- Administrative Procedures, Governance, and Funding
- Security
- Open-Wireless in Limited Areas
- Emerging Technology Access to Wireless

Josh discussed an action item associated with density and effective availability of wireless services within the technology-enhanced classrooms. A pilot project was proposed to test the recommended solution to enhance density and effective availability of wireless services within these classrooms. ITAC will review the recommendation from the NAC and develop the pilot proposal which will be discussed in a future IT Council meeting.

University Testing/Assessment Center – David Hough, Jeff Morrissey

David and Jeff provided a status update to council members on the creation of a University Testing and Assessment Center. Space for the center has been identified in the Meyer Library and an architect firm has been hired to review the space and make recommendations on how it could be best configured. Tables, chairs, and computers have been identified for the center and are being stored until the space is renovated and ready for operations.

Blackboard Learning Management System – Jeff Morrissey, Kevin Piercy

Jeff updated council members on the effort to sign a three year contract for Blackboard Learn that includes the Blackboard Learn Expansion Pack in addition to the Course Delivery module. The Blackboard Learn Expansion Pack includes the Content Management module, Community Engagement module, and user licenses for the Blackboard Learn mobile applications. The contract is being evaluated and pricing finalized, and it is expected to be submitted to the Board of Governors Executive Committee for their approval at the April 15, 2014 meeting.

Kevin informed council members that a contract had been signed for a nine month long pilot of the Blackboard Collaborate product. Blackboard Collaborate is not part of Blackboard Learn, but will extend the Blackboard Learn system with enhanced capabilities for web conferencing and virtual classrooms. The Office of the Provost is leading the pilot project and will be selecting the members of the pilot group, which is limited to a combined total of 1,000 faculty, students, and staff. The pilot is scheduled to run through the end of December 2014.

Glass Hall Open-Access Lab Renovation – Kevin Piercy

Kevin informed council members that a contract for the renovation of the Open-Access Computer Lab located in Glass Hall had been approved by the Board of Governors and demolition is scheduled to begin on May 19, 2014. The renovated lab is expected to be open in time for the start of the fall 2014 semester. This project began at the request of the SGA and Kevin mentioned the instrumental role that has been played by Austin Kramer, Kayse Melone, and Jordan McGee.

Data Management Systems for Education Requirements – David Hough, James Sottile

James Sottile and David Hough discussed the need for a comprehensive survey and data management system in the Educator Preparation Providers EPP program that incorporates the College of Education and the six other colleges. Since MSU has the largest teacher education program in the state of Missouri, a powerful survey and data management system is needed to complete accreditation reports (CAEP), Title-II reports, DESE reports, and AACTE reports on an annual basis. The survey/data management system needs to track student progression (year 1, year 2, year 3, year 4, and year 5); feedback from faculty, cooperating teachers, supervising teachers, principals, and employers; progression of the students in the classroom of where our teachers are placed; student exit surveys, student loan default rate; beginning salary of teacher; career placement patterns; and alumni competence. A handout was distributed titled, "Missouri State University Education Data and Assessment" that notes the extensive number of data points where data is collected. The present system has too many collection data points and very few have the capability of inter and intra connectivity. A comprehensive and powerful system needs to be purchased within six months because such a system would need to be integrated over a two year period. CAEP requires at least three years of consistent and systematic data and data analysis evidence; this is assuming our next accreditation will be in five years.

New Business- None

Dean Hough motioned to adjourn the meeting. Greg Rainwater seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.