

**IT Council Minutes  
Carrington 203  
October 7, 2014  
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Jeff Morrissey, Greg Rainwater, Sarah Caldwell, Mark Putman, Sue Ingram (ITV), Kevin Piercy, Thomas Peters, Victor Matthews, Lindsey Kolb

**Members Absent:** Ken McClure, Steve Foucart, Robert Hornberger

**Guests:** Julie Masterson, Matt Morris, Scott Schneider (ITV)

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

Minutes from the August 5th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Victor Matthews moved to approve the minutes. Mark Putman seconded the motion, all approved and the motion carried.

**Software licensing updates** – Kevin Piercy

SPSS – Kevin informed the council that IBM had still not determined what the pricing model will be for our institution but expects to be contacted soon with this information. Kevin will brief council members on the updated pricing once it has been received.

Adobe – The SCUF-funded Adobe Creative Cloud for Teams device license subscriptions were installed for the start of the fall semester. The licenses were for the College of Arts & Letters, College and Business, and the Open-Access Multimedia Lab in Meyer Library. As discussed in a previous council meeting, some of the perpetual Adobe CS6 licenses that were previously purchased using SCUF funds are now being used to enhance services for Springfield students taking classes at the West Plains campus.

Faronics Deep Freeze - Deep Freeze is one of the management tools that we use to lock or freeze the configuration of lab and classroom computers, and is something we normally purchase every year. We were able to convert our existing licensing to a site license, using the funding approved for the additional FY 2015 purchases. This will save money and allow for the benefits to be used on more computers, including those that are not SCUF funded. West Plains will also be included in the new coverage.

**Blackboard Learning Management System** – Kevin Piercy, Julie Masterson

Learning Expansion Pack Implementation - Kevin informed council members that the Blackboard Learning Expansion Pack implementation is on schedule and will be ready for faculty training to start in November. The full impact will be seen more directly during the

spring and summer semesters. As having been spoken of previously to IT Council, this will dramatically increase the University's ability to extend the LMS system to support non-course uses and communicate more effectively with specific groups of users. There will be continued updates to IT council during the FY 15 year. User recommendations for user interface and navigational changes are been considered, but have not been implemented. Meetings with the Provost and representatives of Blackboard are forthcoming. Further updates will be discussed with IT Council members.

Collaborate Pilot - Julie Masterson distributed and discussed a document titled "Blackboard Collaborate Pilot Project Status Report" to council members. This pilot was funded via IT Council, is active throughout the fall 2014 semester, and involves approximately 750 faculty and students. At the end of the fall semester an evaluation of the Collaborate services will be completed and a decision will be made about purchasing the services. IT Council will remain involved throughout the decision process as will other key stakeholders. This topic will continue to be discussed at future IT Council meetings.

### **ITAC initiatives** – Kevin Piercy

NAC Wireless Pilot – At the August IT Council meeting it was decided to use the Professional Building as the location for the pilot project to develop and test high density wireless. Since then, issues have come up, primarily a forthcoming major remodeling of the building, that make Professional Building unsuited for the project and ITAC would like to use Siceluff Hall instead. Siceluff Hall was the other option considered and discussed at the August meeting. After a brief discussion, it was decided that ITAC should discuss the issue with those who frequently use the classrooms in Siceluff Hall to ensure the typical wireless usage in the building matches the needs of the pilot, and discuss the issue further internally once the new ITAC membership terms start.

ITAC Membership for 2014-15 - Kevin briefed the council regarding the new membership of ITAC. The new membership list is nearly complete, but a new Faculty Senate representative still needs to be appointed. The updated ITAC membership list will be available on the ITAC website, which is a sub-site of the IT Council website. An important issue of note is that Brian Leas will be replacing David Caravella on the ITAC Executive Committee as Dave is no longer handling CIT issues directly and Brian has taken over that role. Kevin took the opportunity to express gratitude for what Dave accomplished during his time as classroom coordinator.

### **BearPrint** – Kevin Piercy

The BearPrint Premium systems should be ready to go in the next week few weeks, and Computer Services will be working with the Bookstore to get cards available for purchase. The possibility of cards being available for sell at Meyer Library is also being investigated. The cost for printing an object on the 3D printer is expected to be a base charge of \$1 plus an additional \$0.10 per gram of material used. The costs for the large format printer are expected to be \$0.15 per inch for 36" wide prints and \$0.20 per inch for 42" wide prints. The operating costs for the large format printer have proven to be lower than anticipated, so this will be an excellent services that a lot of students will be able to take advantage of.

**Master List of Distributed Servers Initiative – Jeff Morrissey**

Jeff spoke briefly to council regarding the document “Master List of Distributed Servers Initiative” that has been given to IT Council members with regards to the initiatives and strategy of the University. A committee comprised of Facilities Management, Computer Services, and distributed IT staff will be created and provide recommended actions by April 1, 2015.

**New Business- None**

Victor Matthews motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey Kolb seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.