

Information Technology Committee (ITC)

Monthly Meetings Minutes

March 18, 2016

Welcome and Minutes Review (Rafi Lazimy)

- The ITC minutes from Friday, February 19, 2016 were motioned and approved.
- The council of ITC and MTAG Chairs met to discuss consolidating the data centers. Recommendations will later be taken to Campus leaders.

CIO Updates (Bruce Maas)

- The UW Madison has delayed the VOIP project to replace its decades-old Centrex telephone system. As of March 2, Bruce has created and convened a team from DoIT and the broader campus to create a plan to solicit competitive options. These include recommendations to range from a replacement of current capabilities, to a fully unified communications system. This team is led by Network Services Director Jeanne Skul, and includes representatives from MTAG, ITC, the Administrative Council, and others.
- It is our expectation that a range of options (scenarios), at various price points, will allow UW Madison to consider our current financial situation prominently in our final decision. This is a rapidly changing area of technology, and we need to balance carefully our present and evolving needs.
- The team is beginning to discuss how best to present UW needs to vendors with existing state contracts, in order to receive the most competitive responses in each of the scenarios we have developed. The team had its first meeting on March 2; another update will come as soon as we have more relevant details.

LMS Discussion/Resolution

- TLT-MAG has adopted a resolution by gathering input from many committees. The ITC Chair will create a draft resolution of ITC, to be discussed and voted on in the 4/15 meeting of ITC. Two complementary resolutions may be stronger to take to the Chancellor.
- There will be room for flexibility when migrating to Canvas. The migration will take approx. 24 months. A support team will help with transitioning.
- Rafi suggested many comments and suggestions to be included in the ITC resolution.
- The ITC voted on the proposed changes and on including these changes in the ITC resolution: The motion passed. There will sufficient time to work on the exact wording and finalize the ITC draft resolution. If you have additional suggestions and comments, please send them to Rafi.
- The use of Canvas is not mandatory; this, however, does not mean that we encourage faculty and staff to use other LMS's.
- It is understood that a transition to Canvas may take place even if Canvas does not meet all the needs of all instructors and all courses. Yet, ITC emphasizes the need for providing strong support in the transition process, and sufficient information on the migration process. Bruce and Steve will work with people who are on the fence about migrating to Canvas, and will provide them with help if they wish to migrate.
- Suggestion: Adding the term “centrally supported” to #1 A of the resolution.

- At the System level AC met and expressed their desire for extensive piloting in the fall. Will expect UW System administration to take action on joining Unizin. We are proceeding on our own plan. More information to come at next month's ITC meeting.

Attendance:

Faculty

Rafael Lazimy (Chair), Business

Joe Salmons, L&S, German, Arts and Humanities

Linsey Steege, Nursing, Social Sciences

Robert Nowak, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Academic Staff

Mike Pitterle, Pharmacy

Jennifer Bonifas, SMPH

Classified Staff

Tara Cordes, University Health Services; Environmental Occupational Health

Non-Voting Members EX Officio

Bruce Mass, CIO and Vice Provost for Information Technology

Provost Appointments

Clare Huhn, Representative of the Provost

Steve Cramer, Rep for Provost

Bobby Burrow, General Services, Rep VC for Administration

Campus Liaison, Group

Antonella Caloro, School of Business- COMETS

Students

Chris Yue

Other Attendees

Amy Gee, CIO Office

John Zumbrunnen, Political Science/TLT-MAG

Bruno Browning, College of Letters and Science

Meloney Linder, WSB/MTAG

Rob Kohlhepp, College of Engineering

Elizabeth Harris, CoE

Brian Rust, DoIT

Kevin Cherek, AIMS Operations & Support Services