

Information Technology Committee (ITC)
Monthly Meetings Minutes
January 15, 2016

Welcome and Minutes Review Rafi Lazimy

- ITC Minutes from December 18, 2016 were approved
- Data Center Aggregation Project:
The Council of ITC/MTAG Chairs will meet in early February to review the report on options from DoIT. We will bring recommendations to the ITC afterwards.

CIO/Updates: Bruce Maas

- David Stack will be invited to future ITC meetings
 - The UW System staff needs to be exposed to what is happening on campus.
 - We will do everything possible for them to understand our context
 - The provost endorses our approach.
- UW Health is developing a new data center and proposed the idea of sharing the space.
 - They would allow us to store back-up equipment in their building and we would let them do the same.
 - We would not assume responsibility for any of their data.

Unizin Update: Bruce Maas & Steve Cramer

- We have been piloting canvas for two years and it is very favorable.
 - We cannot afford to have more than one LMS. With so many different programs, it is hard for professors to decide which LMS to build their program into.
 - The typical transition to Canvas is 12-24 months.
 - 650 institutions are using Canvas. There are nine Unizin schools.
 - We do not have the option to allow everyone to pilot Canvas.
- We had to have both Moodle and D2L due to too many gaps. Canvas is designed to be open and work with us on any issues we have with the program.
- There are group trainings and 1x1 trainings available. The interface and using is very easy.
- The reports from faculty and staff that have used this program are available. Send questions and concerns to bethany.gordy@wisc.edu.

Discussion:

In the discussion following the updates, members had various questions concerning using Canvas as a platform for a new LMS. There were some concerns, and members expressed the need for getting more information about the pilots with Canvas from both faculty and students before voting in support of moving to Canvas as a platform for LMS. Members also wished to learn more about comparing Canvas with D2L and with Moodle in terms of features and functionality.

PI Portal: Nicholas Tincher & Nick Novak

- The PI Portal went live in August of 2015.
- The PI Portal is:
 - A dashboard of your personalized research administration, compliance, and training information.
 - An on-ramp to electronic tools you need to access- with direct links to your records.
 - A quick reference guide with essential information about key topics for PIs.
- The portal saves you time by making it easier to find information you need, figure out what you need to do, and get it done efficiently.
- You do not have to log into multiple systems. With the PI Portal everything is in one place.
- You can view any completed, or needed training courses. The program has alerts and notifications to inform you of upcoming deadlines or items requiring action.
 - You can also view your training staff's deadlines as well.
- Every action is being logged and reviewed. We want to keep improving so please leave feedback.

Cybersecurity Plan: Bob Turner & Bruce Maas

- There is a lot of interest in the overall campus for security ideas.
 - Many other places have been compromised and we are concerned about our vulnerability.
 - Unless we have some additional investments, our data could be compromised as well.
 - Capabilities are changing and rapidly. We will have to refresh some of our analysis.
- We need to put the tools in places where we want to gain visibility and protect. We will also employ next generation firewalls.
- There will be a cybersecurity surveillance and operations center (CSOC) to detect and mitigate the cyber threats.
- We have a complex laboratory. If we can make this valuable while maintaining our requirements, we will do so.
- We need to go down this path without panicking. We need to have those hard conversations.
 - Certain types of data will need to be protected a certain way.
 - Certain types of data will need to be stored in different locations.
- We are looking at other schools to see what they are doing and how they implement their tools. They will help teach us how to implement. This is a great academic pursuit.

Discussion:

The need to consider “human elements” factors in crafting a cyber security solution was expressed.

Attendance:

Faculty

Rafael Lazimy (Chair), Business
Ellen Zweibel, Astronomy; Physical Sciences
Murray Clayton, College of Agricultural & Life Science

Academic Staff

Mike Pitterle, Pharmacy
Jennifer Bonifas, SMPH
Michael Pflieger, L&S

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

Nick Tincher, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research & Graduate Education
Clare Huhn, Representative of the Provost
Bobby Burrow, General Services, Rep VC for Administration
Steve Cramer, Rep for Provost

Campus Liaison, Group

Lee Konrad, (Libraries), MTAG
Antonella Caloro, School of Business- COMETS
Alan Silver, (Chemistry, Network Advisory Group)

Other Attendees

Bob Turner, CIO- Office of Cybersecurity
Amy Gee, CIO Office
Brian McNurlen, DoIT Academic Technology
Bethany Gordy, DoIT Academic Technology
Bruno Browning, College of Letters and Science
Nick Novak, VC for Research and Graduate Education