



Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2000

Walt Branson called the twenty-fifth meeting of the Committee to order at 9:00 in ET206. Other members present: Jack Dahl, Jim Ferguson, Mark Franke, Susan Hannah, Bob Kostrubanic, Al Pugh, Mike Stockstill, and Judie Violette.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 18 meeting were approved.

Status Reports

WebCT: WebCT will continue to be used for at least the next year since the company has agreed to support the operating systems IPFW is using. The software license has been upgraded to allow unlimited numbers of users.

Math Labs: Significant progress has been made on equipment, wiring, and planning for use of the labs. Full implementation is planned by the end of January. Technical support of the labs is still being discussed.

Bob Kostrubanic distributed an updated report on ITServices projects and status. The Cabletron agreement for consulting and other assistance is being discussed. A meeting with technical staff in the schools is being organized.

Classroom/Lab Equipment Planning

Susan Hannah reported that a task force has been meeting, with no conclusions yet. A faculty survey will be conducted to identify classroom equipment that should be permanently installed. AOC and ACITAS will also be involved in the discussions. One objective is to reduce the number of LRC equipment set-ups required. Lecture halls will have a higher level of technical support in the permanent installation category.

Department lab discussions have shown that only three or four labs have more than about four computers installed, so little consolidation seems possible. Departments will be encouraged to avoid the proliferation of department labs and instead use the open labs and computer classrooms.

The task force also has been discussing ways of identifying promising innovations and encouraging their adoption on the campus.

Proposed Policy Change on Older Hardware

Bob Kostrubanic reported increasing difficulties with use of old hardware, especially 486-based machines, on the network - along with resistance to elimination of the machines when replacements are provided. Walt will follow-up with Bob and with Purchasing.

The printer usage study is complete, and changes will be pursued on a department-by-department basis.

ITServices is continuing to work closely with IHETS to keep service levels high for campus connections.

Future Directions for SIS and other Systems

The proposed service agreement for West Lafayette to operate Fort Wayne systems has been completed and will be transmitted soon. This option does offer the ability to run current systems, use existing backup and off-site security arrangements, and save money on software licenses. Follow-up meetings will be arranged to discuss the feasibility of the proposal, but the initial indication is that the Fort Wayne processing load is too large for West Lafayette to handle in their current configuration.

The Banner option is also being pursued. It involves conversion to a client-server system and also offers cost savings. The plan is to make a decision about future directions within the next six months and then convert over the following twelve months.

RLS is the new name for the eventual SCT system, since Athena could not be used as the system name. SCT expects to release one major system component each year. All interfaces are via the Web or are similar in appearance and function to Web systems, and the system requires use of Campus Pipeline and a data warehouse. The best strategy appears to be to convert to Banner with Oracle as the data base system, then adopt RLS when SCT is ready.

A presentation of the issues is scheduled for the February 2 AOC meeting. A final proposal/recommendation will come to ITPC.

Next Agenda

Judi Violette will present a request for student technology funds for a computer for a student collaboration room in the library.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is February 17, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in ET 206.

Future Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates are shown below, with the time scheduled to be 9:00-10:30 a.m. in ET 206.

March 16, April 20, May 18, and June 15

To Do

Await discussions by the academic and administrative user committees and other constituencies of possible imaging systems for the campus.

Review of IT Services Strategic Plan

Develop policy/procedure on expenditure of campus information-technology funds other than those from the Technology Fee and special state appropriation

Review reports related to current projects:

Increase in CICS hours

ADCAC recommendation on possible relocation of mainframe services to West Lafayette or conversion to the Banner/Athena systems

Implementation of network inventory software

Implementation of the Campus Pipeline system

Report(s) on uses of 99-01 State Technology Funds

Distribution

Members and Guests

Glossary of Committees

ITPC - Information Technology Policy Committee (99-00 membership)

Susan Hannah (Co-chair), Walt Branson (Co-chair), Frank Borelli, Jack Dahl, Jim Ferguson, Mark Franke, Jim Jones, Marge Kimble, Bob Kostrubanic, Rich Manalis, Al Pugh, Joe Schroeder, Michael Stockstill, Judie Violette

ACITAS – Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee (99-00 membership)

Marge Kimble (Chair), Hal Broberg, Bob Kostrubanic (ex officio), Daniel Liang, David May, Linda Meyer, Jim Moore, Ed Moritz, Robert Murray, Mark Myers, Mike O'Hear (ex officio), Kathy Trier, Judie Violette, and Karen Wakley, plus a distance education representative to be named.

ADCAC – Administrative Computing Advisory Committee (99-00 membership)

Jim Ferguson (Chair), Donna Bialik, Dave Danielson, Mark Franke, Frank Guzik, Nancy Hobbs, Bob Kostrubanic, Bill Ludwin, Doug Neitzel, and John Rees.

AOC – Academic Officers Committee (99-00 membership)

Susan Hannah (Chair), Ben Christy, Jeanette Clausen, Van Coufoudakis, Jack Dahl, Jim Jones, Bob Kostrubanic (guest), David Legg, Bill Ludwin, David McCants, Al Pugh, Steve Sarratore, Dean Stanley, Mike Stockstill, and Judie Violette

DECCO – Distance Education Coordinating Committee (99-00 membership)

Susan Hannah (chair), Pat Ashton, Kevin Browne, Jeanette Clausen, Deb Conklin, Jack Dahl, John Fitzgerald, Carol Isaacs, Bob Kostrubanic, Al Pugh, Mike Stockstill, and Judie Violette. Also Ed Moritz and Carol Sternberger as Distance Education Subcommittee representatives.

SIS Shared User Group

Mark Franke (Chair), Kevin Browne, Frank Guzik, Carol Isaacs, Jane Loomis, Patrick McLaughlin, Pam Michalec, Jim Moore, and John Rees.