



Senate Information Systems & Technology (ISAT)
Thursday, August 16, 2012
1:30 PM
718 General Classroom Building

Minutes

In Attendance:

JL Albert	Keith Campbell	Steve Harmon	Bill Walsh
Julian Allen	Lisa Cranwell-Bruce	Theo Muhumuza	Michael Weeks
Yakiyah Bass	Stuart Gerber	Dominic Parrott	Sallie Wright
Faye Borthick	Kia Graves-Craddock	Mike Raderstorf	
Brendan Calandra	Bill Gruszka	Ellen Taylor	

CALLED TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 3, 2012, as presented.

MONTHLY IS&T REPORT

JL Albert reported on the Northern Fiber Loop project. This expansion of fiber will travel from Courtland, to Dobbs and back to Aderhold. This fiber expansion will give the campus redundancy on the network and allow a direct fiber path to growth areas, such as the student dormitories. This project should be completed in the next two months.

JL gave a detailed report on the unplanned power outage that occurred on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. He reported that the power loss was caused by an outside contractor power washing the loading dock. The water leaked through the flooring, onto the main power transfer switch, causing the breaker panel to explode. JL explained IS&T's plan of action and any outstanding systems still affected by the power outage. It took 24 hours to bring back the major systems, such as Banner and Luminis. Students were able to access Banner via the Gosolar portal. There will be an interruption of service on Labor Day weekend in order to replace the chiller and UPS. This entails shutting down all power and bringing the systems back up. There will be no telephone and network services on the entire campus during this time. JL reported how everyone responded and the generous support from Emergency Management and University Relations. Discussion ensued as members posed questions.

Mike Raderstorf commented on how the Emergency Management office reacted and the role of new the Emergency Notification System during the power outage. He stressed the importance of everyone setting up their account for notification for the new system. Mike stated that if faculty and staff wanted to receive text messages, cell phone, and/or home notification, they will have to input this information via the user interface account. This information will be going out in the next few weeks.

DESIRE2LEARN TRANSITION UPDATE

Julian Allen gave a presentation on the latest development on Desire2Learn (D2L). He gave a brief background history on why GSU is migrating from uLearn, and why D2L was chosen by the Board of Regents. D2L will go live in Spring 2013. All thirty-five universities will be migrated at this time. Some of the smaller universities are being migrated now. Julian explained that all content, for the last two years, in uLearn will be transferred to D2L. The Center for Instructional Innovation and IS&T are working closely together to make sure the D2L migration goes smoothly. IS&T is currently testing D2L.

Julian explained some of the features of D2L such as the calendar, grade wizard, social media and intelligent agents. All the features used in uLearn will be available in D2L. There will be potential for additional features six months to one year after migration. Faculty training will begin in October. Julian stated that IS&T is available to make D2L presentations at departmental or college meetings. He asked faculty to keep checking the website for all updates: www.gsu.edu/desire2learn. He also announced The Exchange's all-day event, on the transition to D2L, on October 31, 2012. Discussion ensued as member asked questions.

TECH FEE REDESIGN

Dr. Harmon distributed a preliminary draft - *Initial Student Tech Fee Procedure*, which the Tech Fee sub-committee proposed. First, he addressed why there's a need for revamping the current process for Tech Fee selection:

- Students' presence and involvement is disappearing.
- Tech Fee has become the funding for annually-renewed services.
- IS&T spends a growing amount of time and energy on the entire Tech Fee process.
- Processes and guidelines need to be documented.

Dr. Harmon explained that the Tech Fee sub-committee proposal is to divide the tech fee allocations among all the academic and administrative units. Each unit will determine how they want to spend their allotment. The units will present their Tech Fee proposals to the Tech Fee Committee. The Tech Fee Committee will determine if the proposal meets the guidelines, standards, etc. This new process will put the responsibility of decision making on the units. The unfinished piece is determining how much money each unit will be given.

Members also voiced concerns on holding money for innovative projects. A lengthy discussion ensued as members posed questions.

Outcome/Decision:

Dr. Harmon requested a final draft be presented at the next meeting for approval and then forwarded to the Senate. He asked committee members to forward their comments or concerns to him via email.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Carroll