Senate Information Systems & Technology (ISAT)
Thursday, March 15, 2012
1:30 PM
718 General Classroom Building

Minutes

In Attendance:

Julian Allen   Lisa Cranwell-Bruce   Jeff Qin
Brendan Calandra   Vijay Ganji   Mike Raderstorf
Keith Campbell   Charles Hollingsworth   Ellen Taylor
Tricia Clayton   Dominic Parrott   Elizabeth Throop
Ralph Clements   Jeff Pruett   Michael Weeks

CALLED TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012, as presented.

MONTHLY IS&T REPORT

• Julian Allen gave an update on the new learning management system, Desire2Learn. He stated that all faculty members were sent an email that contained a link to the new Desire2Learn website – www.gsu.edu/desire2learn. Julian opened the website which reiterated that Desire2Learn will become Georgia State University’s central learning management system in January 2013. He also ran the one-minute video describing some of the features of Desire2Learn. No deployment date has been set for optional tools at this time. Julian pointed out the “Questions and Feedback” section and its importance. He asked and encouraged everyone to use it. In-person and on-line training will be available late Fall. He encourage all faculty members to begin loading and/or transferring their content.

• Julian announced that wireless network CatChat2x is in operation. He encouraged all faculty, staff, and students to switch to CatChat2x. The biggest benefit is that CatChat2x lets you log in once; also the features are better. Discussion ensued.
REPORT FROM THE TECH FEE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

Jeff Pruett reported that the Tech Fee Review sub-committee was given a complex undertaking. They received valuable feedback from JL Albert and Bill Gruszka on their past experiences and other universities’ methods. The sub-committee looked at the Phase I proposal process. He summarized the current Phase I process and then gave the sub-committee’s proposal for improving our Phase I process. The sub-committee suggested breaking Phase I proposals into three categories:

1) Central Units – IS&T, Library, and Provost’s off the top funding.
2) Colleges – A funding cap will be set for all colleges.
3) Innovations – IT proposals from individuals without college approval.

A lengthy discussion ensued as questions, methods and strategy were discussed concerning the sub-committee’s proposal.

OTHER BUSINESS

Michael Weeks stated that he is still forming a group for Open Source and asked interested persons to contact him. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Carroll