Senate Information Systems & Technology (ISAT)
Thursday, August 15, 2013
1:30 PM
718 General Classroom Building

Minutes

In Attendance:

Julian Allen          Steve Harmon          Bill Walsh
Chara Bohan            George Pullman         Sallie Wright
Brennan Collins       Keith Sumas
Denise Floyd          Ellen Taylor
Kathryn Grant         Melissa Taylor

CALLED TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 25, 2013, as presented.

INTRODUCTION TO ISAT

Julian Allen gave a PowerPoint presentation on ISAT’s purpose and bylaws to help edify new members. He explained how ISAT facilitates long range planning for IT services on campus. Julian also listed ISAT’s roles and services. He gave the brief overview of ISAT’s role and responsibility in allocating Student Tech Fee funds for the University. Julian discussed the factors that determines what equipment is needed in the classrooms, and how and when that equipment is updated.

Julian also listed the services of IS&T and what services are available in The Exchange to assist faculty members. He gave a brief overview on the new software offered and will launched this fiscal year, all paid with Student Tech Fees. Discussion ensued.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Dr. Harmon welcomed all new members and returning members to ISAT. He asked everyone to introduced themselves; name, position and college/department.
MONTHLY IS&T REPORT

- Sallie Wright reported that IS&T is building a new Data Center in Alpharetta as a back-up. IS&T will take ownership of the space next week.

- Sallie updated the committee on video surveillance. GSU is centralizing video surveillance on campus for the GSU’s Police Department. There will be over 1,000 cameras. The first 600 will be completed in early November. Discussion ensued as Keith Sumas answered questions concerning the monitoring process, partnership with Atlanta Police Department and Panther Alert.

- Sallie announced that IS&T is replacing the University’s wireless network. By replacing the current wireless network, each person on campus would be able to operate three (3) electronic devices simultaneously. Discussion followed.

- Sallie gave a brief report on the following projects:
  
  (a) IS&T migrating the campus from Novell to Active Directory  
  (b) Secunia (security system)  
  (c) SCCM (Dell product)  
  (d) Identity Management  
  (e) LastPass for faculty and staff (allows you to put all passwords in a vault)  
  (f) PhishMe.com  
  (g) Securing the Human (rolling out in October)

- Sallie announced that IS&T is starting a Distinguished Speaker Series. Also, IS&T will publish its *Year-End Review* in the next couple of months.

STUDENT TECH FEE FY 2014

Dr. Harmon will ask James Amann to present “lessons learned” at the next meeting. James has some ideas to enhance the new Tech Fee process. There appears to be some room for improvement.

Dr. Harmon also wants to look at our ability to change tech fee policy to accommodate small colleges or administrative units that do not receive a big percentage of Tech Fee funds. He gave the College of Law’s proposal as an example. Dean Kaminshine proposed that the committee allow the College of Law to bank or carry-over Tech Fee funds so that these funds could be used for their new building. Dr. Harmon asked committee members to be thinking of how we can address these types of requests.

Two important items ISAT will address are: (a) how ISAT can account for one-time moves for smaller colleges or administrative units; and (b) ISAT will re-apportion/reallocate the percentage of Student Tech Fee funds for each requesting college and/or administrative. Reallocation will be done each year. Dr. Harmon recommended performing allocations sooner rather than later. Discussion followed.
ISAT PLANS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Dr. Harmon stated that he would like ISAT to focus on the instructional side. He explained that there’s a need for ISAT’s input on technology in higher education. He gave examples of MOOTs, approving on-line programs for graduate schools and BYOD (bring your own device). Dr. Harmon encouraged members to submit items they feel need addressing. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Carroll