



Senate Information Systems & Technology (ISAT)
Thursday, February 21, 2013
1:30 PM
718 General Classroom Building

Minutes

In Attendance:

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| JL Albert | Markus Germann | Shari Schwartz | Sallie Wright |
| James Amann | Bill Gruszka | Ellen Taylor | |
| Faye Borthick | Steve Harmon | Bill Walsh | |
| Chad Cox | Kevin Hsieh | Irene Weber | |
| Stuart Gerber | Timothy Renick | Michael Weeks | |

CALLED TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 15, 2012, as presented.

MONTHLY IS&T REPORT

- JL Albert reported that the Dell IT Simplification assessment, for the campus, is completed. One of Dell's top recommendations was for GSU to develop an IT Strategic Plan. GSU has contracted with Gartner to do this study. Gartner will start in March. This engagement will last approximately 10-11 weeks. JL emphasized that this IT strategy is for the entire campus, not centralized IT.
- GSU now has a back-up data center under construction in Alpharetta. The data center will be located on the first floor of a two-story building. IS&T will start building redundancy.
- IS&T is in the process of migrating all students from live@edu to Microsoft Office 365. Students will use the same mail system as faculty and staff. Migration will start on the Memorial Day weekend. IS&T will be purging old email records/addresses (approximately 90,000 accounts) that has not be used in over 2 years. Discussion ensued.

- IS&T is pulling specifications for an enterprise level video surveillance for the campus. It will be a centralized video surveillance system. Initially, cameras will be installed down Piedmont Avenue. IS&T will run the technical infrastructure. GSU Police Department will be in charge of administrating the video surveillance system (granting rights and access). Policies that will govern acquiring video surveillance will be brought to ISAT. JL stated that GSU Police Department's video surveillance needs to be compatible with the Atlanta Police Department. Currently, there are two vendors for consideration. Discussion ensued.
- JL announced that the Northern Loop project is almost completed. This fiber project will give all residence halls redundant connectivity.
- JL reported that IS&T is suffering from the malady of the economy. While employment for the IT industry is increasing, IS&T is losing experienced employees. IS&T employees are leaving for more money. Currently, IS&T has 135 people compared to a full staff level of 165. Discussion ensued.
- The D2L implementation is going very well. IS&T is looking at other add-ons, with approval from the BOR. D2L classes and workshops are well attended.
- Dr. Harmon inquired about cloud storage. JL stated that cloud storage is a data security risk, due to lack of controls and policies. He gave an example of the thumb drive usage. The Enterprise Risk Management officer, Matthew Robinson, is currently taking a hard look at this issue. Policies may be made as a result of his findings.

STUDENT TECH FEE

Dr. Harmon reported that last year's Student Tech Fee spending was extended to January 31, 2013. He reported that some people asked for further extensions beyond January 31st, which he granted. Those people who missed the January 31st deadline, to have funds restored after being swept, were denied; unless spending was indicated before January 31st. We now have swept funds in approximately \$1 million from last year's STF. Dr. Harmon reiterated that ISAT allocated the first \$100,000 to go to the Library, which leaves \$900,000. He opened the floor for suggestions where to allocate these funds. A lengthy discussion ensued as members posed questions and offered suggestions. James Amann gave brief report on the STF process this FY.

Motion: *Motion was made and seconded to re-allocate the swept funds (\$900,000) according to the percentage allocated to the units (FY14), in accordance to Tech Fee policies. The motion passed unanimously.*

SACS

Dr. Harmon sent an email to ISAT members, requested by Dr. Peter Lyons, for representation on the SACS committee. Peter Lyons asked for committee representation on the *Educational Programs* and *Student Affairs & Services* subcommittees of the Fifth Year Interim Review by SACSCOC in 2013 – 2014. These representatives should ideally be experienced members of the committee with a degree of "institutional memory." Dr. Harmon reported that he did not receive any volunteers. He asked for volunteers at this time.

Outcome/Decision:

With no volunteer(s), Dr. Harmon will notify Dr. Peter Lyons with our dilemma.

THE ROLE OF ISAT

Dr. Harmon reported that he attended a meeting concerning digital fluency among our students upon graduation. He opened up the discussion on the role of ISAT. Should ISAT have a role in the looking at digital fluency/competency in terms of academic preparation of our students? A lengthy discussion ensued.

Outcome/Decision:

The consensus agreed that ISAT should become more involved with digital fluency. A broader discussion of the academic side of technology will be conducted at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Michael Weeks brought up the subject of having tech fee guidelines for Linux computers. Discussion ensued concerning standard pricing for Linux computers.

Outcome/Decision:

Members agreed to list the price for standard configuration of Linux computers for Tech Fee proposals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Carroll