Memorandum

To: Distribution
From: August Axtell
Date: February 15, 2016
Subject: University Technology Council (UTC) – January 15, 2016

Attendance:

Present: Pat Shier, IT Services; August Axtell, IT Services; Katie Walker, College of Education; Robert Stott, College of Business & Public Policy; Gail Johnston, Community & Technical College; William Atkins, Community & Technical College; Ian Bushell, Kodiak College; Dave Dannenberg, Academic Innovations & eLearning; Bruno Kappes, Faculty Senate & ACDLItE; Mike Robinson, Consortium Library; Vince Yelmene, Mat-Su College; Krista Zug, Disability Support Services; Randy Moullic, College of Engineering; Larry Foster, College of Arts & Sciences; Ryan Belnap, Prince William Sound Community College; Gabriel Sexton; Adam Paulick, IT Services;

Absent: Angelia Trujillo, College of Health; David Fitzgerald, Faculty Senate & ACDLItE;

Welcome & Introductions

1) Agenda – Adopted with changes.

2) Approval of Minutes – November minutes approved.

Discussion Items:

1) Blackboard Mobile/Learn Student Technology Fee Award FY16 – A request was submitted to the Council to authorize an increase in allocation for the Blackboard Mobile/Learn campus-wide award. This year’s contract had a $2450 increase in price. The Council approved this request for additional funding. Adam Paulick will research contract details with Blackboard and will report back to the UTC with findings. ITS and AI&E will collaborate and begin examining alternatives or free options. A follow-up of this research will be added to future agendas.

2) CMS Overview –

   a. Last February a contract was awarded to OmniUpdate for OU Campus. The current website content is in the process of being updated and some units will be rewriting their content for new sites. Please contact the ITS Web/Applications Team if they can assist units with any technical applications.

   b. The prior CMS system comes up for renewal July 1st and would cost $12,000. It is anticipated that support of the old system would end in May. A suggestion was offered to bring the Provost and Deans onboard for establishing a deadline that would take place prior to July 1st, in order to prevent additional renewal fees. Pat Shier will coordinate a meeting session with these parties to discuss further. Pat also has a meeting scheduled with the Administrative Services leadership, Bill Spindle, and the Deans and Directors within the next couple weeks.

   c. Adam Paulick will research at what level the link checker is involved and will provide an update at the next meeting.

3) IT Project Update – Adam Paulick provided an update of projects taking place, and their statuses, for ITS. There are approximately 25 projects scheduled in active status. The project list has been forwarded to the Information
Technology Group (ITG) for review. Please contact Adam Paulick with any questions regarding current or future ITS projects.

4) Blackboard Migration Update – Several communications have gone out to the community. ITS has been working very closely with AI&E. We are presently running on both the old and new systems. We are working through some minor issues and are holding daily calls with updates.

5) Future of Student Technology Fee Distribution Structures/Value for Money of STF Budget Spending –

a. Pat Shier has been appointed to the Statewide Transformation Team. The team held their first meeting in December; the next meeting is scheduled for January 28th and 29th.

b. ITS is looking at some possibilities to streamline our operations and billing. For example, this year Bill Spindle’s office has covered 50% of the security camera budget; ITS will be covering the remaining 50%. ITS will be looking to develop a recharge that is more aligned per capita; this would allow us to streamline our operations and not have to send out bills each month. This effort is still in process.

c. The Program Prioritization report is still being finalized – we may be unable to come to a conclusion of how to manage Student Technology Fees until April. An agenda item will be added for future meeting discussion as we get closer to the month of April.

Future Agenda Items:

1) Blackboard Mobile/Learn Alternative Options
2) Network Change Proposal
3) Updates for Informational Requests from January Meeting

Adjourn: 10:36AM

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