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MEETING MINUTES

IT COUNCIL

DATE: **APRIL 23, 2014**
TIME: **8:00 AM TO 9:30 AM**
LOCATION: **UNIVERSITY HALL, ROOM 610**
CHAIR: **NELSON VINCENT**

CALL TO ORDER

Nelson Vincent welcomed the committee and asked the new member, Christina Beer, Student Government President, to introduce herself.

Present: John Hutton, Mary Adams, Jeremy Martin, William Ball, Anton Harfmann, Chris Edwards, Melinda Rhodes-DiSalvo, Emily Baute, Erma Fritsche, Nelson Vincent, Diana Noelcke, Bob Ambach, Christina Beer, Dom Ferreri, Mary Beth McGrew, Russ McMahon

Apologies: Kristi Nelson, Mark Faulkner, Xuemao Wang Corrie Becker, Ayca Mazman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nelson Vincent asked if there were any changes to the December meeting minutes. There were none. Anton Harfmann motioned to accept the minutes and Melinda Rhodes-DiSalvo seconded it. The committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

BUSINESS

IT@UC Strategic Planning Committee Update

Diana Noelcke provided an update from the IT@UC Strategic Planning Committee PowerPoint Presentation and one-page summary document). This committee was formed as a result of a recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Academic Information Technologies; the committee launched in April 2013. IT@UC is not a rebranding of UCIT; rather, it is a new era of partnership across all divisions within the university and with community, industry, government and international stakeholders. Small teams from the committee held listening sessions with every college and some non-academic units. Diana presented three reports created as a result of the feedback they received from the listening sessions. They are:

1. Proposed Priority IT@UC Engagement Processes
2. Needs Analysis Subcommittee Report
3. Needs Map Priorities

The focus thus far has been mostly on academic units but the group is working with the IT Governance committees to develop a process for on-going engagement and feedback sessions with colleges and administrative units. Nelson Vincent said they intend to use the Canopy launch / Blackboard Upgrade model to keep the community informed. One of their goals is to develop and communicate overarching standards, yet remain flexible enough to meet the rapidly changing technology and campus needs. One of the committee recommendations is to invite members of the distributed IT community to apply to participate in the annual IT@UC Leadership Academy.

60 West Charlton Node Room Update - The roll out of the Distributed Antennae System (DAS) will focus on academic buildings first.

Data Center – The Data Center uninterruptible power supply (UPS) will be connected in June, and airflow is no longer a problem after the work was done to remove unused piping under the floors. The Data Center Task Force recommends: (1) a business continuity/disaster recovery site that mirrors the current Data Center to be located at Blue Ash. As part of the project, Blue Ash infrastructure will be upgraded to the same standards as the Uptown Clifton Campus; (2) joint planning with UC Health to build a new Data Center. The Data Center Task force is developing a long-term plan and will have it ready for draft form to present to the Board of Trustees in their June meeting.

OARnet- UCIT and CEAS applied for an NSF grant to support utilization of the connection to the 100Gbps network. Cybersecurity will be built around it. There are 22 use cases included in the distributed attachments. There are approximately 274 universities in the process of trying to connect to it; UC is ahead of most. The 100Gbps network is becoming the new standard for moving large amounts of data, especially for research. UC is collaborating with Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) and UC Health.

Electronic Classroom Audit – There are approximately 175 centrally scheduled classrooms on campus. Nelson Vincent is presenting to the Council of Deans in May to re-familiarize Deans with the plan for the existing rooms. Diana Noelcke’s team is working with Campus Planning to determine what equipment is installed in college-owned classrooms and labs; which of these rooms could be added to the scheduling system; and which can become centrally scheduled. Currently, Uptown Campus East does not have a scheduling system or centrally coordinated plan for scheduling their classrooms.

UCNet – Diana Noelcke distributed a one-page report on the UC Network and a proposal for a UCScience Network for the research community with a focus on data and cybersecurity. Today’s network has a DMZ. The UCScience network will be designed to include work with local industry.

5yr Capital Projection – In feedback from the IT@UC listening sessions, campus community members made it clear that they want a network that is as reliable as our phone system. In FY19, the PBX will be 20 years old. In the interim, the university has an opportunity to decide where to go with voice systems. Diana Noelcke submitted a 5-year proposal for the voice and data network. It is working/planning document and will be further developed as industry and campus needs change and technology advances. Part of this proposal includes data needs for the new Student Information System. The core issues to address revolve around the needs of the research and academic communities. IT Governance Committees will continue looking at this plan.

Adobe License Update – The state of Ohio negotiations with Adobe have failed; Amin Shafie continues to negotiate with Adobe for an interim plan for UC. Anton Harfmann is working on a new proposal, which includes college contributions, but is waiting on the outcome of Amin’s negotiations to determine the per-seat cost. The final cost may require strategic distribution of the Create Cloud suite of products.

UniverSIS Replacement Update & Schedule - Victory Parkway will be ready the first week of May and staff will start moving. ioConsulting has been on campus for last month and the team is

making good progress. The Communications team will provide regular status updates to the university community in a variety of formats, including Town Hall meetings as the project progresses.

Topical Committee Updates – The updates were submitted in hard copy only to allow for time IT@UC presentation. However, Nelson noted that David Linger, UCRI, is joining the Research and Development Committee in May.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Action Items

- Mark Faulkner - Process for UC Community to Submit Ideas, Requests, etc. to IT Governance Structure (*In Process*)
- Nelson Vincent - Meet with Council of Deans and Associate Deans responsible for technology to explain the ITIE funding issues for the e-classrooms (*Pending – request submitted for May 28 Council of Deans agenda*)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.