MEETING MINUTES
IT COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 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 invited the newest member, Tracy Hermann, the Faculty Senate representative, to introduce herself.


Apologies: Russ McMahon, Ayca Mazman, Corrie Becker, William Ball, Mary Beth McGrew, John Hutton, Kristi Nelson, Mark Faulknor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Nelson asked for changes to the April meeting minutes. There were none. Diana Noelcke motioned to accept the minutes, Jeremy Martin seconded it. The committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

BUSINESS
Dean Wang – UC Libraries Strategic Plan
Xuemao Wang, Dean of Libraries, worked with a steering committee and hired former Dean, Gary Stromm, as a consultant to develop the strategic plan. UC’s ranking within the Association for Research Libraries (ARL) in recent years has gone down, currently to 72 because of the lower total institutional investment relative to other universities with research libraries.

UC Library cannot continue depending on the current funding model, which is why the strategic plan includes new mission and vision.

New Mission: The University of Cincinnati Libraries empower discovery, stimulate learning and inspire the creation of knowledge by connecting students, faculty, researchers and scholars to dynamic data, information and resources.

New Vision: The University of Cincinnati Libraries will become the globally engaged, intellectual commons of the university-positioning ourselves as the hub of collaboration, digital innovation and scholarly endeavor on campus.

Also included are four pillars that are meant to define the library’s future operations.

1. Digital Technologies & Innovation
2. People
3. Space
4. Data to Information to Knowledge

The Library is creating joint appointment between CECH and the Library and Dean Wang is also working with McMicken College to make a joint appointment in the digital humanities.

UC Libraries plans to explore grant-writing partnerships with UC Foundation and other entities.

There was discussion about when/if the ARL ranking system would change and Dean Wang said he thought the rubric would gradually change with the transition from the old guard to the new.

Nelson and Dean Wang attended the ARL Conference in May.

Nelson Vincent – UniverSIS Replacement Update
The team has a website, communication plan, and change management plan. Cecily Goode will be invited to a future IT Council Meeting to provide a report.
**Nelson Vincent – Data Center Task Update**
The task force is proposing that UC change the plan from building a “bricks and mortar” disaster recovery site in Blue Ash, to SOCC (on the campus of OSU) hosting the servers that have UC’s disaster continuity system for the nine core systems.

The primary reason is this site is a tier 3 IBM data center and Ohio’s pricing is half that of market rates. Additionally, because it would be a state agency to state agency transaction, several governance and contractual issues are avoided.

Included will be the connection for UC to join the 100Gbps state network. As such, the task force is doing their due diligence to figure out the logistics of the transition.

Data Center Task Force part two will start in August. This will include collaboration with UC Health, as well as Cincinnati State who requested to join the committee.

**Diana Noelcke/Dom Ferreri – Adobe Creative Cloud Licensing Update**
On May 6th, 2013, Adobe announced a radical change in their software licensing strategy, moving from a version-based, concurrent use model to a subscription based model. Currently UC is in negotiations with Adobe lead by Amin, to get a $100 per seat rate across all colleges and units. The contract has yet to be signed, however Amin is overseeing it, and Gary Casson, Amin’s successor is aware of the issues.

For students, the subscription is currently $333 per year. The cheapest bulk option for all UC students would be $155 per seat, but this would involve UC guaranteeing 250k in business (1500 students). Thus far, no university has taken this option.

As such, the Adobe Creative Cloud Funding Request (ACCFR) combines the funds that colleges are currently spending on Adobe with what UCIT has allocated for it and puts it towards paying Adobe under the new subscription model. There were some concerns as to where the $48,906 UC investment mentioned in the ACCFR proposal would be derived from.

**Nelson Vincent – Enterprise Server Storage**
Enterprise server storage from EMC is available at 4 cents per gigabyte. UCIT is currently in the process of migrating some data from the old system to this one. Concurrently, policies, procedures, instructions and communications to the community at large are also being developed. Dan Kuhlman is the primary contact for this process.

**Jeremy Martin – Digital Signage**
A task force consisting of representation from Finance-Planning +Design + Construction (PD&C), UCIT, and UC Communications has been evaluating enterprise level digital signage. Campus Services has been acting in a consulting role because they did a major digital signage rollout in both TUC and the Campus Recreation Center.

The enterprise license has been purchased, and the task force is moving forward for all of the campus to use the software through Four Winds Interactive. A communications plan is underway to explain to the appropriate steps to get cleared by PD&C and UCIT, as well as content guidelines. Dean Wang requested that the libraries be included in future digital signage operations.

Each department will administer their own sign; however, Government Relations and University Communications will have administrative access to override content for things like emergency messaging. If every college purchased their own sign, the maintenance fee will be roughly $65k per year. The enterprise license will reduce the cost to $27k total.
ACTION ITEMS

New Action Items

- UCIT - Update the IT Council on the status of the Adobe Contract
- Nelson Vincent and Mark Faulkner – Establish a committee to review and oversee the Red Flag policy and procedures

Old Action Items

- Anton Harfmann - Determine if faculty evaluations are an option in the new Student Information System
- Anton Harfmann - Include CEAS representative (Meghan Pfaltzgraff?) in IT Architecture Principles Committee
- Christina Beer – Provide Student Government representation for all Governance committees (Completed)
- Mark Faulkner - Meet with Vice Presidents and Provost to determine Red Flag Policy next steps. (Completed)
- Nelson Vincent - Meet with Greg Vehr to discuss multiple CMS systems. (Completed)
- Nelson Vincent - Meet with Council of Deans and Associate Deans responsible for technology to explain the ITIE funding issues for the e-classrooms (Completed)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.