Research & Development Committee

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, June 12th, 2018
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Location: University Hall, Room 420b

Attendees: Annette Ready, Brett Harnett, Chris Collins, Amy Latessa, Jane Combs, Kurt Roberts, Larry Schartman, John Kennedy, Michal Kouril, Phil Taylor

Guests: Brian Verkamp, Anita Ingram

Apologies: Abdul Bahha, Ted Baldwin, Tiffany Grant, Changjoo Kim, Brett Kottman, Chris Noel, Michael Richardson, Kurt Roberts, John Wallrodt, Victoria Wangia-Anderson

1. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (attached)
   a. Jane Combs moved to approve the minutes. Chris Collins seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. IT Risk Management and Storage Risks (Anita Ingram and Brian Verkamp)
   a. During the May meeting the committee discussed that there is not a policy that covers storage and that researchers are storing their data in different places, perceiving that this storage issue is a risk to the university. Anita Ingram, Chief Risk Officer, and Brian Verkamp, AVP of Enterprise Shared Services, were invited to the June meeting to help discuss these issues.
   b. There was lengthy discussion around storage issues across the university. It was made clear that data is being held in very incorrect and non-secure places, such as hard drives and USBs. It is a requirement for the university to house this data and there is no thoughtful process for this. There are risks associated with not
housing the data correctly that need to be expressed.

c. The recommendation is that the R&D Committee take the University’s Protiviti Report and the Data Classification Policy to create a formal recommendation regarding storage for researchers, which will include a bulleted list of storage requirements for researchers and an executive summary. This recommendation will be presented to the R&D committee with intent of being presented to the ITCAC and IT Council.

3. **IT Next Update (Brian Verkamp)**
   a. The Cisco refresh first phase is going well – about 1/3 of the way through the switches. Expecting to start phase two, the wireless upgrade towards the end of June. Phase three, the phone system, will follow starting in July/August.
   c. Collaboration Project – This was championed out of the IT Managers Committee. Had participants in focus groups from all academic and non-academic units to gather information regarding UC’s collaboration tools. Discussion on next steps are still going on. UC is currently negotiating contract with Microsoft. IT Managers Committee met on 6/12 and it was recommended that UC continue to evaluate Microsoft Teams and WebEx and to dig in and evaluate One Drive and Box.

4. **Data & Computational Science Series (Jane Combs & Amy Latessa)**
   a. Since March, they have held 8 events and have trained 147 people (Grad students, faculty and IT staff).
   b. XSEDE Summer Boot Camp – 6/4-6/8 – Had a steady attendance of about 10 each day. Each participant received access to Pittsburgh Super Computing through July. UC has been selected for future XSEDE events.
   c. Big Data Info Session with Hadoop and Spark for XSEDE on September 6th-7th. It will either be in CECH or the library.

5. **Other Updates**
   a. Lab Archives will not have an enterprise wide license. Will need to be purchased through departments.
   b. Regional Smart Cities Grant – Josette Riep, the Research & Innovation department, and May Chang’s group in the library submitted a letter of intent and it was accepted. The pitch was Smart Cities need Smart People talking about education. If anyone has any ideas for the educational component, please share ideas with Chris Collins.

**Save the Date for Upcoming DCS² workshops:**

**Sept 6th-7th – Big Data Info Session about Hadoop and Spark –** Time and Location: TBD