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Minute for Faculty Senate IT Committee Meeting
31 January 2006

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Meeting Called to order at 4 pm.

Present: Stephen Aley, Helen Foster, Brian Giza, Susan Leech, Ken Pierce, Emil Schwab, Holly Denney, Eddie Wei, David Williams, and Jose Huerta.

All Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Election of officers:
There was a single nomination for each office, with that slate elected by acclamation.
Results of the balloting were:

Chair:	Stephen Aley
Vice Chair:	Brian Giza
Secretary:	Mary Duffy

In absence of Mary Duffy, Stephen Aley to take minutes for meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2006, 3:45 pm to 5 pm. Tentatively scheduled to be in the College of Business. Eddie Wei to confirm meeting room by email.

Committee polled for college or department concerns:

Susan Leech: Concerns about barriers to efforts to expand classroom computer access by using a laptop station cart. Problem stated was lack of security. [KP to address directly]

Emil Schwab: Will check on College concerns. One item was cabling for two Bell Hall rooms being converted for computer use. [KP to address directly].

Helen Foster: Need clear indication for hybrid and distance courses [as well as bi-lingual and other special courses] in Goldmine to prevent student misunderstandings. Also concerns about software bug in organizer pages of current WebCT.

Holly Denney: Need trained, 24/7 help desk for support of hybrid courses. Need clear indication for hybrid and distance courses in Goldmine to prevent student misunderstandings.

Brian Giza: 1). Need to bring on line an electronic document system for grant management and other paper work at UTEP.
2). Look into site license for anti-plagarism software, perhaps based on UT-telecampus software.
3). Address the changes in Virus software from McAffey to Norton. How can we facilitate the conversion?

Eddie Wei: Will check with college. One current concern is upgrading of existing equipment in computer laboratories.

Dave Williams: 1). Email storage situation
  2). Banner – problems with permissions for registration, especially concerning prerequisites.
  3). Look into tech fee allocation – how decided and where does money go?
  4). Balance between College/Department systems and campus IT

Stephen Aley: 1). Status of hub and wireless replacement.
  2). Implementation of new phone service.
  3). WebCT

Ken Pierce: 1). Security/password audit. Severe Campus wide problems. Possible regulations on the way.
  2). Computer Lab inventory, leading to new Campus computer Lab policy. Draft to be available in February. [Ken to email to committee after release of draft].
  3). WebCT Campus 6.0 coming. Test version available. [Ken to provide committee with access for testing – no files transfered].
  4). Hub/wireless replacement underway. Linked to phone replacement to minimize disruption.
  5). Spam filter changes to meet additional challenges (doubling of campus spam hits in January!).
  6). Now have Linux and Unix support person (final stages of hiring)
  7). Changes and additions to High Performance computing, including new clusters. Cooling being upgraded to meet additional demands.
  8). New version of Portal is coming. Will run concurrently for trial period.
  9). SPSS being installed on campus wide, 250 simultaneous license. MatLab agreement next in line.
  10). New Learning Center in Library, also expanding Cyber Café access in Union.
  11). Email storage to increase for everyone. Faculty to go to 1 gig. Students to be connected through university to MSMail, getting 2 gig of storage.
  12). Electron notice of awards to students ben implemented.
  13). Offer to assist professors in grant preparation to make sure IT requirements are covered appropriately.
  14). Possibly bring in Bill Roberson to talk about software side of WebCT 6.

For next Month:
  Primary topic is Network and computer security at UTEP. Will Also cover update of Hubs and wireless as well as an introduction to WebCT.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm