Liaison Committee on Academic Computing and Technology
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 12:59 pm

In attendance:
  • J. Anderson, E. Borkowski, G. Golderman (proxy for T. McFadden), A. Morris, T. Finn ’12

Absent:
  • K. George, F. Orellana, A. Ramasubramanian, T. McFadden, A. Meyghani’13, J. Dulmaa ’13

1. Review and approval of Minutes from 4/30/2012

2. Update on search for Director of Learning Technologies
   Ellen informed the group that salary negotiations between the selected candidate fell through
   and the 4th candidate that the committee had on hold had pulled out last minute for the
   campus interview. The position was going to be readvertised.

3. Google Apps for Education Discussion and next steps
   Ellen and the committee discussed the e-mail discussion that occurred on the
   academics@union listserv when she asked for feedback on issues/concerns in regards to
   moving faculty and staff to the Google Apps for Education environment. The committee
   noted that some would have concerns about privacy as was expressed in the e-mail exchange
   on the academics@union list. The committee noted that ITS should explain the alternatives
   and discuss the cost savings. Faculty present noted some people’s aversion to Google and
   they also noted that the reasons for any sort of change needs to be clearly laid out to the
   faculty. Ellen asked for feedback on holding open forums with faculty to discuss the
   feedback and ask for any additional areas of concern that ITS should be exploring. The
   committee suggested holding two meetings – one during week 10 and one right after
   graduation. When Ellen asked if week 10 would be a problem for faculty, the feedback
   received indicated that it would be okay to hold a session during week 10. They indicated
   that Ellen should cover the reasons for this move which include addressing IT security
   standards and helping secure hosted applications which many administrative offices are
   moving towards as a solution and indicate the cost savings.
4. Topics for next academic year
   Ellen asked for topics that should be addressed during the next academic year. Topics suggested included:
   • Nexus: things not being done yet?
     In response to this topic, Ellen noted that an advisory group was being formed to help Kevin and Kesheng prioritize feature requests and advice on what to address next in terms of updates and additions to Nexus.
   • Wireless printing or storing to a flash drive
   • Security
   • How’s printing going? Discussion for next year could include how we will handle requests for new functionality.
   • Resource management updates
   • Lion upgrade in labs?
     Ellen indicated an email would be sent soon around the topic of upgrading to Lion on the Macintoshes in the computer labs.
   • Bandwidth article in the Concordy – Tyler asked if we had seen it. Ellen indicated she had seen it. The group discussed the article and the issues around networking in the dorms.

   The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm

   Reminder: LCACT website:  http://minerva.union.edu/accsc