

RECORD OF ACTIONS

ITAC Meeting

June 12, 2007

Present: Mr. Jay Blaire, Ms. Yolanda Cooper, Ms. Gerry Dana, Ms. Cheryl Gowing, Mr. Tim Ramsay, Mr. Fred Robinson, Dr. Burt Rosenberg, Mr. Carlos Sainz, Mr. Stewart Seruya, Dr. James Shelley, Mr. Dan Thomas, Mr. William Vilberg, Dr. Rod Zika and Dr. Otis Brown, Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 1605 in the College of Engineering, McArthur Building, Room 289.

1. Record of Actions

The Record of Actions for the March 13, 2007 meeting was approved.

2. Reports

a. Administrative software

D. Thomas provided the report submitted as Attachment A. On the Business side, IT has spent a lot of time looking at how to integrate Cedars into the UM systems. From a student perspective, IT is focusing on an updated student room-mate finder. Otherwise, there are a number of smaller projects. More details are available in Attachment A.

b. Administrative hardware

F. Robinson summarized the report submitted as Attachment B.

The DASD usage is ~flat at 45%-50%. IT is expecting the IDMS project to release space in the near future, which would reduce the DASD usage. IT is expecting it to return to 45%-50% average utilization.

Mainframe CPU Utilization is being closely monitored. The impact of a *DB2*-based online transaction system and the CPU upgrade has led to a flat usages pattern.

c. Library Systems

Y. Cooper provided a brief update on Library matters. She introduced Cheryl Gowing to the Committee. They have several projects underway this summer – Encore, Faculty Exploratory, New Scholar, merger of Medical Library catalog, *etc.*

d. Telecommunications

T. Ramsay gave the report. E-911 implementation is complete – usage statistics are now considered to be “reliable”.

The Committee asked about provision of accurate caller-ID to external callers. IT responded that there are system issues in the PBXs which seem to preclude such an implementation – IT will provide an update at a future meeting.

e. Internet -- networking and security

T. Ramsay gave the report submitted as Attachment C. Internet usage is nominal--no problems are apparent. Please note there are some artificial bounding problems in the report of the Medical School traffic (“flat top”).

E-911 traffic statistics were reviewed – statistics are thought to be stable and representative of “real” usage, rather than being inflated by mis-dialing. Levels are consistent with expectations for the three campuses.

f. Medical School IT/networking

No report.

3. Strategic Advice

a. Advice on major initiatives

i. Metro-network architecture

Some usage has been migrated to several upgraded (10G) links. The interim upgrade is called the “Mini-Metro” Network.

ii. CAS implementation

No change.

b. Academic Computing support

i. LA GRID

No change(s). There are appear to be some procedural challenges in broadening use within UM.

ii. IBM Boca *BlueGene* use/access

No update.

iii. UM-Wide HPC Initiative

J. Blaire commented that Dr. Nick Tisinoremas has joined the UM faculty as Director. He is currently housed on the Medical campus and has a faculty appointment in Computer Science.

He noted that the UM implementation is looking to be a blend of centralized and distributed resources.

IBM is donating 3 690 computing platforms to UM.

iv. Recording/serving class lectures via video/audio streaming

No change(s).

c. IT Strategic Planning

i. Responses to *EduCause* Top 10 Issues (T. Ramsay)

T. Ramsay discussed the EDUCAUSE results (Attachment D) and requested additional input on the need for an internal (UM) survey. He noted that IRB approval will not be required for this survey. ITAC tabled discussion of an internal survey until specific goals could be identified, *e.g.*, target audience(s), number, demographics, *etc.* We seem to be suffering from “survey fatigue”. Rather it was decided that several workshops which brought together interest groups might be a more productive approach to understanding UM’s IT needs (Focus Groups).

Ramsay distributed a draft version of the UM IT Strategic Plan for future discussion by ITAC (Attachment E).

4. Other Business

“University of Miami Data Classification Policy” was briefly discussed due to a lack of time. ITAC recommended the S. Seruya provide a revised version with several edits. Please see Attachment G for the working draft.

Seruya introduced a draft “Email Alias Policy” to ITAC (Attachment H). This will be distributed to ITAC electronically prior to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1714.

NOTE: The next regularly scheduled ITAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m., College of Engineering, McArthur Building, Room 289. The next meeting will be devoted to the three topics of Data Classification and Email Alias policies and the IT Draft Strategic Plan.