

**RECORD OF ACTIONS**  
ITAC Meeting  
November 13, 2007

**Present:** Mr. Will Coffin, Ms. Yolanda Cooper, Mr. Joe Hutchins, Dr. Mansur Kabuka, Mr. Tim Ramsay, Mr. Fred Robinson, Mr. Carlos Sainz, Mr. Stewart Seruya, Mr. William Vilberg, Dr. Alan Whitney, Dr. Rod Zika and Dr. Otis Brown, Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 1608 in the College of Engineering, McArthur Building, Room 289.

**1. Record of Actions**

The Record of Actions for the October 9, 2007 meeting was approved.

**2. Reports**

**a. Administrative software**

D. Thomas provided the report submitted as Attachment A (Dated October 1, 2007) via e-mail. Due to other commitments he could not participate in the ITAC meeting.

**b. Administrative hardware**

F. Robinson summarized the report submitted as Attachment B.

IT expects more DASD space to be released as the IDMS to DB2 conversion is completed.

Mainframe CPU Utilization is being closely monitored and is flat.

Please note that the quarterly statistics could be a bit misleading due to a renormalization applied to address the Mainframe CPU upgrade.

**c. Library Systems**

Y. Cooper provided a brief update on Library matters. The Library continues to test "Uprint" in the IC and Music Libraries.

There are continuing discussions to merge the Medical and Gables campus holdings under a single server – Spring/Summer '08 for implementation.

The Library is moving forward with a Faculty Exploratory on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

The Library is looking at Digital Library Fellowships for faculty. They are open to active faculty collaboration on the new digital holdings.

Cooper discussed Encore and the options it provides for deeper access to the collections. The Library is doing focus groups now.

**d. Telecommunications**

S. Seruya gave the report. He noted that AT&T (nee Bell South) has stated that they will not renew the dark fiber leases that UM uses for inter-campus communications. Most of the leases expire in December 2010. The RSMAS and Gables 1 leases have 8 years left.

**e. Internet -- networking and security**

S. Seruya gave the report – statistics are in Attachment C. Internet usage is nominal--no problems are apparent. The use of *Florida Lambda Rail* peering with a number of private networks (*Akamai, Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, YouTube*) has dramatically reduced some of the commodity internet usage.

**f. Medical School IT/networking**

No report.

**3. Strategic Advice**

**a. Advice on major initiatives**

**i. Metro-network architecture**

No report.

**ii. CAS implementation**

No change.

**b. Academic Computing support**

**i. LA GRID**

No report.

**ii. UM-Wide HPC Initiative**

No report.

**iv. Smart Classrooms, online options, etc.**

W. Vilberg gave the report. They are finalizing the implementation of the current updated classrooms and planning for the updating of 33 additional classrooms this summer.

**c. IT Strategic Planning**

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

T. Ramsay updated the committee on *EduCause* list revisions and suggested that it would be most appropriate to wait until the latest *Gaertner* and *Educause* surveys are available. The Committee agreed. ITAC should expect the updated comparison in January.

**4. Other Business**

“University of Miami Data Classification Policy” was discussed. ITAC accepted the updated draft provided by S. Seruya for discussion. Please see Attachment D for the final draft. ITAC adopted this policy and recommended the Chair forward it to the Provost for implementation.

Seruya re-introduced a draft “Email Alias Policy” to ITAC (Attachment E). This was distributed to ITAC electronically after the last meeting. Adoption was moved and passed unanimously. ITAC recommended the Chair forward it to the Provost for implementation.

Vilberg opened a discussion on the SSSC process and who might set programming priorities for academic support matters. He was advised to discuss this with the IT staff.

Ramsay noted that L. Tamares has presented an “information Systems Modernization Plan” to UM upper management. Committee noted that ITAC was unaware of this plan and would like to be given the opportunity to address it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1730.

**NOTE: The next regularly scheduled ITAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 4:00 p.m., College of Engineering, McArthur Building, Room 289.**