Computer Usage Committee

Report to the Faculty Assembly

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Read Green

• Read Green replaces mass paper mailings
  – Idea started from SCUC (April 2010)
  – First reported to FA in May 2011 [UTimes]
  – Initially deployed Summer 2011 (opt-in)
  – Now the default, as of Feb 1, 2014 [UTimes]
  • Faculty/Staff can still opt-out of the service
## Read Green Statistics

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<th>FY 13: Feb – Apr</th>
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<td>Total # of Mailings</td>
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<td>Hard Copies</td>
<td>164,925</td>
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PeopleSoft updates

• Discussions within SCUC about waiting lists
• CSSD + Registrar’s Office hosted two focus groups with faculty
  – Waiting lists for cross listed courses
  – Waiting lists for courses with recitations/labs
  – Using default values (e.g., for Campus in Class Search) -- RESOLVED
Infrastructure Improvements

• CSSD is continuously adding wireless capability (e.g., in Hillman Library)
  – After suggestion from SCUC, there is now a Wireless Feedback form (in my.pitt.edu)

• Box.com (cloud storage provider)
  – upgraded to 50GB
Research Accounting

• New PI Dashboard under development
  – Will combine data from infoED (Office of Research) and Data Warehouse
  – PIs will be able to see summary of all grants and also detailed transaction information
  – BETA release coming soon, if interested please let SCUC know
Email / Data continuity

• Issue of email address continuity for faculty and research data archiving raised in FA
  – Discussed in committee
  – Email will be addressed to some extent by new cloud option
  – Data archiving would require significant investment from the University
New Email Infrastructure

- CSSD decided to move to Microsoft Exchange 2013 as the campus-wide Email infrastructure
  - SCUC was not involved in decision

- Transition is happening over summer
- Email addresses remain the same
Advantages of New Email

• Better web interface
• More storage
• Shared calendar
• Better integration with Microsoft applications and services

• You can forward to one email address
Do I need to do anything?

• Change for all: **Spam/Virus filtering** will be different – Postini is being decommissioned

• More information:
  – For Faculty:
    http://technology.pitt.edu/email-facultystaff.html
  – For Students:
    http://technology.pitt.edu/email-students.html
  – University Times: [May 29, 2014](http://technology.pitt.edu/email-students.html)