Senate Computing and Information Technology Committee
January 12, 2021 – 1:00 PM
Room 717 CL by Zoom

Attending: Michael Spring, Mark Henderson, Adam Hobaugh, Stacie Gabriel, Alexandros Labrinidis, Douglas Fischer, Irene Frieze, Malgorzata Fort, Ralph Roskies, Marty Levine, Steve Wisniewski, Kimberly Phillips, Susan Sereika, Kenny Doty, Chris Bonneau

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from the November 8, 2020 meeting were approved as mailed with no changes.

Chair's Report:
- Spring Meeting Schedule
    - Tuesdays @ 1:00
    - Mondays @10:30
        - Michael Spring is going to look back at the poll to see if we need to alternate meetings to accommodate everyone.
- Systematic Reporting to SCITC
    - Policies
    - Software/Hardware Issues
    - Networking
    - Security
    - Classroom/Teaching Technology
    - Research Support
    - User Concerns (Help Desk)
    - Diversity/Inclusion/Community Outreach
        - Mark Henderson and Adam Hobaugh agreed that these are the categories that will typically be reported to SCITC.
        - Michael Spring wasn't able to discuss networking and use policies with Tom Hitter as of yet but it's still important and on the agenda. Mark Henderson stated that the formation of subcommittees will help us get answers for things like these, they haven't been formed yet, but they're well underway.

Pitt IT/CIO Report
- Cloud Storage Update - faculty feedback, progress
    - Adam Hobaugh: Over the past weekend Pitt IT executed a successful test moving Box to OneDrive. There's a link that people can go to for migration and a checklist they can use that will help them do this by themselves. Some people are exceptions, Dental Medicine for instance, who we made a Dropbox for, so that they can share files with UPMC. However, the majority of users will have this pretty easy. OneDrive, SharePoint, Google

Drive, and Azure are all of the different options people will have to chose from but OneDrive is the most popular.

- Alexandros Labrinidis: What would people do if they feel the cost of this transition is too much Adam Hobaugh explained that the Enterprise version would be the cheapest and best option.
- Susan Sereika: Would people have to use indirect costs or money from the departments in order to pay for the storage of their data. Adam Hobaugh said that only low risk data as of right now can be stored in OneDrive. Most faculty have a preference for Google Drive over the enterprise agreement.
- Michael Spring asked that we revisit this next month to examine how we might help faculty with existing research grants that feel the need to keep box, how will costs be handled?

- Classroom Technology Update - faculty feedback, changes for spring
    - Adam Hobaugh: Pitt IT installed 50 facing cameras in the registrar's spaces and they've listed which classes have that option available to them. Mark Henderson said the reason we took this action was due to the feedback of faculty members. Most of the feedback received was a concern that classrooms weren't equipped enough. The center for teaching and learning has been working with teaching people how to utilize all of these updates/upgrades.
    - Alexandros Labrinidis: If people would rather have a traditional style classroom/learning environment, would the equipment still be available for students to utilize who would like to remain remote? Adam Hobaugh said that there have been discussions with faculty on customizing rooms and figuring out how to strategically spend the money to do so. Mark Henderson stated that not only will we maintain existing technology but we'll continue to try to make improvements.

- Networking Updates
    - UPMC/Health Sciences
        - Adam Hobaugh: We've brought in UPMC people to solve some of the issues people have been having when working in the UPMC environment. Mark Henderson said that Eduroam was brought in over break and UPMC was one of the largest institutions connected. Our next step is to move forward with Anyroam so that we can sponsor facilities like Carnegie Museum and Library, Carlow, extensions towards downtown and Mercy Hospital, etc.
    - Community Outreach (Metamesh)
        - Mark Henderson: All of the hardware has been installed and we're doing testing. We'd like to continue to expand this technology, the speeds we're seeing through this technology are rivaling those on the commercial side. We're also looking into using this to serve the remote campuses. Michael Spring suggested that Pitt ask

metamesh to look at their website to adjust it to reflect Pitt's commitment to the project.
- o Administrative Software (PittWorx)
  - ▪ Mark Henderson: The weekend of January 2, 2021 the University went live with PittWorx. It was a year or more in the offing and there were a lot of hurdles, but the tenacity of people involved allowed it to come together. I ask that you all be ambassador's in that if you hear that people have problems, you report them. There's only so much testing we could do beforehand to simulate and we anticipate some problems but we're equipped with more than enough staff to handle these problems. Alexandros Labrinidis has been hearing that everything's been going well.
- o Personnel searches – CISO, CRC Director, Heath Sciences CIO
  - ▪ Mark Henderson: Joel Garmon is retiring, so we've hired a new CISO. His name is Ollie Green and his start date is February 1, 2021. I plan on inviting him to this group to say hi during our next gathering. We're also working on hiring a new CRC Director and Deputy CIO within Health Sciences. We're hoping to bring these searches in conclusion quickly.
  - ▪ Michael Spring: Ralph Roskies has played a significant role within this committee and the University. He will be retiring February 1, 2021. Thank you so much for all that you've done!

Old Business
- o Research Data Management
- o Privacy Issues/Policy Reviews

New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Draft minutes submitted for review by:
Stacie Gabriel

January 18th, 2021

Spring Meeting Schedule
- Monday, 2/8/2021 at 10:30AM
- Tuesday, 3/9/2021 at 1:00PM
- Monday, 4/12/2021 at 10:30AM