

Senate Computing and Information Technology Committee

April 12, 2021 – 10:30 m

Room 717 CL by Zoom

Meeting ID: 984 9787 7977 Passcode: 627854

Attending: Michael Spring, Mark Henderson, Adam Hobaugh, Ollie Green, Irene Frieze, Douglas Fischer, Stephen Wisniewski, Kenny Doty, Marty Levine, Arif Abdullah Jamal, Dmitriy Babichenko, Kimberly Phillips, Stacie Gabriel

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved as mailed with two name corrections.

Chair's Report:

- Handling of Accounts for Deceased Faculty
 - Michael Spring sent out a motion to everyone after talking with Tom Hitter. It's a request for faculty assembly to allow administrative access until policies that are under review address the issues people are having.
 - Everyone was in agreement that we endorse this motion.
- Clarification on Recommended Computer Purchases
 - Michael Spring: We had a couple comments about recommended computer purchases and some individuals wondered why everyone wasn't eligible to receive a new computer from Pitt IT. After reviewing the policies with them, they understood it's their department's responsibility to provide these devices and they're advised to use the purchasing guidelines provided by Pitt IT. We may want to make some changes on Pitt IT's page to clarify this.
- Election of Committee Chair
 - Michael Spring: This should be our last meeting of the year. We will need to meet sometime after June 1st in order to elect a new chair and new leaders for this committee.
- Fall Meeting Schedule
 - Michael Spring: We need to set up a fall meeting schedule, I'll try to finalize this soon. In the future, we may want to give updates on things we've accomplished through these meetings.

Pitt IT/CIO Report

- Google Workspace/Drive – RUCC Outreach to Google
 - Mark Henderson: The RUCC got together and penned a note to Google's senior leadership about our displeasure to their new approach with charging, capping, etc. Carnegie Mellon, Rice, Penn State, MIT, Wisconsin, Minnesota, etc. all contributed to this note. We have Google's attention now and have support from the whole RUCC.

- Adam Hobaugh: While free storage was on offering up until 3 or 4 weeks ago, we were happy with this being an option for faculty, students, staff, and the community. Now we're trying to figure out what these changes mean to us and will be providing updates once decisions are made. Once we gather more information, we'd like Michael's help to communicate this to faculty and others.
- ITAC Sub-committee (s) Update
 - <https://www.technology.pitt.edu/about-us/office-of-the-cio/itac-charter>
 - Mark Henderson: The next ITAC meeting will be on 5/13/2021. We're trying to schedule meetings with the sub-committees prior to the ITAC meeting. Michael Madison has agreed to be the chair of the Data Governance Committee and Laurel Gift has agreed to be the chair of the Information Security Committee.
- Security Report
 - Ollie Green: On average we're blocking around 175-200 million blocks per day on our firewalls. Last month we did a Custom Google Form fishing campaign. We sent this out to over 12,000 people and only 39 people clicked on the link. 5.8% reported the e-mail without clicking the link. We may need to increase the strength of these e-mails so that they're more realistic and so that we can see consistent results. In the future, we're going to try to pinpoint who the repeat offenders are.
 - Adam Hobaugh: The percentage of people who clicked has gone down significantly through the years.

Old Business

- Research Data Management
- Privacy Issues/Policy Reviews

New Business

Fall Meeting Schedule TBD