Technology Steering Committee Meeting  
June 27, 2012

Members Present: Alan Bearman (Mabee Library), Cynthia Hornberger (Special Assistant to the President), Donna LaLonde (Math), Floyd Davenport (ISS), Nancy Tate for Randy Pembrook (VPAA), Richard Liedtke (Enrollment Management), Rick Anderson (VPAT), Rick Barker (Computer Science), and John Christensen (School of Law, FITAC) attended for Rusty Taylor (Applied Studies). Scheduling conflicts: Bob Boncella (VPAA Representative), JuliAnn Mazachek (Foundation) and Denise Ottinger (VPSL).

Agenda:

Floyd Davenport (ITS) opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the Technology Steering Committee (TSC) meeting of April 24, 2012 were approved. Minutes are posted on the ITS “Committees” web site.

Discussion Items.

- The committee discussed changing to an opt-out approach for enrolling students and staff into the iAlert System. Currently, students and staff opt-in to the iAlert database through the emergency contacts using Banner Self-Service. An opt-out option would automatically enroll students and staff into iAlert using available contact information which students and staff could either turn off (opt-out) or modify. The committee was in favor of moving to an opt-out approach and asked that a position paper be developed for the review by the Washburn University Executive Team.

- ITS provided usage statistics on computer labs across campus. The report also identifies where labs are used for classes and the age of lab equipment. The intent is to identify opportunities for consolidating labs and to provide effective management of labs for student use. This on-going discussion will also include the testing of virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) to support both physical and virtual lab space.

- The committee discussed a proposal to manage student printing support across campus. Today, printing in labs and student work spaces is managed by different units who provide funding for free printing. ITS proposes providing free printing for students up to a reasonable threshold at which point the students would be charged a minimal fee for additional printing. ITS proposes to notify students that a new model is being evaluated over the Fall semester and to send students notifications when they approach and exceed the common threshold (proposed at 250 pages). Students would not be charged during the Fall semester, but would be able to consider the cost of their current printing behavior. The Technology Steering Committee would evaluate the potential benefits of this proposal for potential implementation in the Spring or following Fall semester. There was a detailed discussion of how revenue from printing fees would be managed to support student printing across campus.
• Floyd Davenport provided a new ITS Organization chart highlighting some leadership and alignment changes. Specifically, as of July 1, 2012, Bob Stoller will assume leadership for Application Services (old EAS) and John Haverty will assume an Assistant Director’s position leading User Services. In addition, phone support will move to User Services and Cable Technicians will move to Systems and Networking under Kevin Halgren.

• Floyd Davenport provided updates on selecting a new Learning Management System (LMS), the phone system upgrade, distributed reporting and the wireless networking improvements for student housing.

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