

## Information Technology Committee Minutes

2006-2007 Meeting #7  
April 25, 2007, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific Time)

**Present:** Anderson (Chair), Frenzel, Goodwin, Hughett, Merrell, Pendegraft, Schlater

**Absent:** Cronk, Funabiki, Krogh

**Guests:** Tony Opheim (ITS)

**Call to Order:** Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in room 101 of the Ag Biotech Building

### **Business:**

#### 1) IT Security

Erik Anderson briefly described the IT Security seminar that was presented by ITS on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The seminar included a lot of information that had previously been shared with the IT Committee. Erik also mentioned that ITS planned to hold their fall Computing Security Workshop on October 18, 2007.

Tony Opheim, Chief Technology Officer from ITS, gave an update on ITS' ongoing efforts to implement protections for information security. Tony said that the removal of Social Security Numbers (SSN) from computers and servers was in process. A June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline had been established for phasing out the ability to login to Banner using a SSN. Individuals who login using a SSN before June 1<sup>st</sup> will see a warning screen describing the change in procedures. So far, the feedback about the change had been positive.

A discussion ensued regarding the ability for individuals to control the release of their own personal information. Tony said there were two areas where individuals can flag their information in Banner as being confidential. One is for students and the other is for faculty and staff (in the HR area).

Tony described ITS' plans for the summer of 2007. He said new firewalls will be installed and modifications will be made to the Banner Web interface to mask a lot of the information that is currently viewable by users. He also said ITS will likely stay out of academic areas until the fall semester to make sure that critical services aren't impacted.

#### 2) E-mail System Change

Tony was asked to outline the planned changes for the university e-mail system. The new e-mail system will be based around Microsoft's Exchange Server. He said ITS had hired Dell Computers to help with installation. The new e-mail system will support all current systems and all standard e-mail protocols. ITS is looking for volunteers to try out the new system. They will be working with the System Administrators Group to pilot-test the e-mail system during the summer. The new system will provide each user with a 1GB mailbox capacity. In addition, Microsoft Outlook users will have access to integrated calendaring and shared folders.

The committee asked whether a policy would be developed that specified the use of the POP or the IMAP protocol. Tony said that ITS had no plans to implement a policy in that area. He said the decision regarding which protocol to use was to be made by the user.

3) Other Discussion Topics

David Schlater announced an upcoming faculty-led demonstration on Clickers (a.k.a. audience response systems). David described the two alternative systems (Turning Point and InterWrite PRS) that were currently being used by UI faculty. Harvey Hughett recommended that the university adopt a single system and make it a standard. He said the lack of a standardized Clicker device was both an IT issue and a student cost issue. The Clicker remote devices cost approximately \$40.00. Without a standard system, it is possible that students could be required to purchase multiple devices.

David also provided an update on the WebCT/Blackboard course management system upgrade. The pre-production and production servers were now operational. The Center for Teaching Innovation will be working with volunteers during the summer of 2007 to conduct a trial of the new system. The trial will continue through the fall 2007 semester. During the spring 2008 semester, the switchover of all courses will begin. David said he hopes to wrap up the migration of all courses during the summer of 2008.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Professor Erik T. Anderson, Chair 2006-2007