Senate Information Systems & Technology (ISAT)
Thursday, November 18, 2010
1:30 PM
718 General Classroom Building

Minutes

In Attendance:

J.L. Albert        Lisa Cranwell-Bruce        Steve Harmon        Jay Steed
Julian Allen       Markus Germann            Cherise Peters      Ellen Taylor
Dan Benardot       Doug Goans               Jeff Pruett          Elizabeth Throop
Brendan Calandra   Audrey Goodman            Timothy Renick       Michael Weeks
Keith Campbell     Bill Gruszka              Andrey Shilnikov

CALLED TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 21, 2010, as presented.

MICROSOFT EXCHANGE MIGRATION UPDATE

JL Albert reiterated that IS&T will not migrate Microsoft Exchange until the summer of 2011, due to Microsoft merging its products to form Microsoft Office 365 for Education.

Dr. Calandra wanted to know if the email he received asking him to verify his passwords had anything to do with the migration process. Keith Campbell responded that this request is for the migration of Windows Print/File systems and the Exchange. This will allow IS&T to connect the legacy accounts to the campus ID. This request is being released in batches, as not to overwhelm the Helpdesk. These requests will go out in the next 3 weeks. The email informs everyone to call the Helpdesk if they are skeptical of the source or need any help.

SYMON MONITORING SYSTEM

JL Albert reported that IS&T has been working with Jeff Pruett concerning migration of the Symon Monitoring System. Symon is the software application that controls the information displayed on monitors in buildings across the campus. The Petit Center has asked IS&T to manage their monitors. IS&T has been negotiating with Jeff to move the back-end server
into the Data Center. The back-end server has been located in Jeff’s area, and he is responsible for storing and backing up content for the entire campus. Discussion ensued.

**NETWORK VIDEO SURVEILLANCE STANDARDS**

JL Albert reported that there are lots of video surveillance systems on campus, but there are no standards or guidelines in place regarding purchasing. Currently colleges and departments are purchasing different types, makes and models of cameras and recording devices. Mr. Albert reported that GSU’s Police Department received a grant to purchase 50-70 surveillance cameras. He stated that the Library will also be purchasing video surveillance systems in the future.

The Emergency Management Group, headed by President Becker, has asked IS&T to develop a set of standards for surveillance systems (cameras and DVRs) for the entire campus. The reason IS&T has been asked to get involved is to set standards, and to limit potential liability on the University. When a surveillance camera is present, people assume that someone can retrieve that video tape and/or footage when an incident occurs. They expect the footage to have clarity. Mr. Albert has also been asked to develop a purchasing process for video, DVRs and cameras. There will not be a dollar limit. This process will model the IT Procurement Request (ITPR).

IS&T will conduct a survey also to gather information on existing cameras already in place. Charles Hollingsworth reported there are 112 DVRs which has multiple cameras attached. He estimated that there are over 1,000 on campus. Charles stated that GSU will use MVRs and web cameras for better quality. The recordings will be done by building level servers and accessible for GSU Police. Discussion ensued.

**MOBILE APPLICATIONS**

JL Albert briefed the Committee on the President’s initiative to develop mobile applications for the University. These applications would be created for smart phones and directed toward student usage. The Mobile App Group met on Wednesday and has representatives from the Library, Athletics, University Relations and Admissions. The President wants this mobile app in place by next month, to give GSU a presence in this area. Tim Renick reported that the group is focusing on outside vendors at this point. If anyone has any ideals or suggestions, please contact Dr. Renick. IS&T has been talking with Michael Weeks and Brendan Calandra for their input concerning possible applications students and faculty would find beneficial. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**NEW BUSINESS**

iPhone Development – JL Albert reported that Kerry Heyward, Legal Affairs, is reviewing the iPhone contract for a campus-wide license.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Carroll