

# Information Technology Standing Committee

## MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2012 4 – 5 P.M.

MEETING CALLED BY	Laura Spray
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR	Laura Spray
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp
ATTENDEES	Frederick Berry, Aimee DeChambeau, Trevor Engelsman, Mary Hardin, Kim Haverkamp, Stewart Moritz, Eric Mundy, Kellen Reusser, Alvaro Rodriquez, Jim Sage, Laura Spray, Yincal Xiao  Absent: Mark Shermis

### Agenda topics

4:00 – 4:05 CALL TO ORDER LAURA SPRAY

DISCUSSION	Laura Spray called the meeting to order and the January 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved. The minutes are posted on the UC SharePoint site.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

4:05 – 4:15 UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING LAURA SPRAY

DISCUSSION	The University Council approved a resolution to end the Term of Appointment on April 30 <sup>th</sup> of each year and to extend the term of inaugural members by one year. The term shall end for those appointed/selected/elected for one year on April 30, 2013; for those appointed/selected/elected for two years on April 30, 2014 and for those appointed/selected/elected for three years on April 30, 2015.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Standing Committee Members should contact Laura Spray ( <a href="mailto:spray@uakron.edu">spray@uakron.edu</a> ), Kim Haverkamp ( <a href="mailto:kh1@uakron.edu">kh1@uakron.edu</a> ) or Jim Sage ( <a href="mailto:jsage@uakron.edu">jsage@uakron.edu</a> ) if their term ends before April 30, 2013.			

4:15-4:30 ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY WORKGROUP ERIC MUNDY

DISCUSSION	<p>The Academic Technology Workgroup met twice. The first meeting was with John Savery, Director of Instructional Services, and the second meeting was to discuss the future direction of the workgroup. Eric Mundy distributed a summary for both meetings. The summary is posted on the UC SharePoint site.</p> <p>John Savery discussed technology resources available through Instructional Services. National reports are posted on their website regarding trends in the field of Instructional Technology.</p> <p>The workgroup recommends improving communication between Instructional Services and UA faculty in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document excellence and best practices</li> <li>• Create "Tech Ambassadors" from each department so they can interact regarding interdepartmental issues with technology.</li> <li>• Develop ways to entice faculty to use technology</li> <li>• Hold conferences on campus to demonstrate best practices and showcase the kinds of technology being used on campus by our faculty</li> <li>• Create a one-stop-shop tech support site for faculty for help with pedagogical issues</li> </ul> <p>Jim Sage proposed adding John Savery to the Academic Technology Workgroup so the recommendations can become actionable items.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Ask John Savery to join the Academic Technology Workgroup	Jim Sage	

4:30 - 4:40                                      STUDENT TECHNOLOGY WORKGROUP                                      JIM SAGE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Student Technology Workgroup has not yet been formed. The focus will be on emerging technologies for students. Jim Sage will reach out to SEAC and CPAC to include department techs that want to be involved in the workgroup.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact SEAC and CPAC to include interested department techs in the workgroup.	Jim Sage	

4:40 – 5:00                                      KEY INITIATIVE                                      JIM SAGE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Jim Sage will provide UC-IT Standing Committee Members with the Information Technology Services January Report to the Board of Trustees. Standing Committee members were asked to read the document and come to the next UC-IT Standing Committee meeting with questions about the initiatives.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the Virtual Lab. Students can access the specialized software from anywhere without the need to go to a computer lab on campus. It is working well and Information Technology is receiving positive feedback from users. The service being used for the Virtual Lab is a private Cloud. Jim Sage will bring statistics about the Virtual Lab to the next UC-IT meeting.</p> <p>Hewlett Packard will make a presentation at the Ohio Academic Computing Conference in Toledo about providing clusters in the Cloud because Universities cannot afford their own. The suggestion was made to form a Research Workgroup because there is so much going on with Cloud resources that are focused on research computing.</p> <p>There was a discussion about UA's capacity out to the internet and the need to move the capacity around to where it is needed. The suggestion was made to invite Kathy Ruther and Jim Miller to the next UC-IT Standing Committee meeting to discuss networking utilization and demand.</p> <p>The big initiatives that Information Technology is working on strategically are Online (eLearning) Learning, Data Warehouse and the Shared Data Center. More information about these initiatives can be found in the Information Technology Services January Report to the Board of Trustees document that is posted on the UC SharePoint site.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the announcement from Governor Kasich to upgrade the OARnet backbone; it is currently at 10 Gbps. The node in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati will increase to 100 Gbps this year. The Akron node will increase to 100 Gbps next year. The University of Akron is evaluating the upgrades necessary to the internal infrastructure to support 100 Gbps.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the learning commons in Bierce Library. The After Action Report will be shared with Jim Sage. Information Technology is working diligently to put together a structure to leverage resources.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Distribute the "Information Technology Services January Report to the Board of Trustees" UC-IT to members	Jim Sage	
Bring statistics about the Virtual Lab to the next UC-IT meeting	Jim Sage	