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The IT Advisory Council will not meet this month, since most of its regular participants will be attending the Educause conference.

I do, however, want to pass along one important update:

- The refresh of IT computer lab machines planned for this winter break is in a state of limbo, because...
 - The release of Windows 8 presents hardware compatibility issues
 - Our current machines are not compatible with Windows 8
 - The hardware market has not yet caught up with Windows 8; there are no compatible machines available through our contract sources
- Thus, IT is considering delaying the refresh until next year
 - Spend that time evaluating hardware/software compatibility
 - Consider moving to a virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI)

Some consequences to consider:

- If the refresh is delayed a year, the “trickle-down” machines will no longer be under warranty
- If we move to a VDI environment, there will no longer be a refresh and trickle-down of desktop machines; departments and colleges will need to start budgeting for computer upgrades

Thanks.

Dave Anderson