Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC)

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 14, 2009 in EPC 304C

Members in attendance: David Anderson (Chair), Tabatha Becker, Yvonne Bogard, Chris Carruth, Radu Cascaval, Jackie Crouch, Kirk Moore, Michael Reyes, Sharon Stevens, Jerry Wilson

OLD BUSINESS

1. **IT Updates**
    Jerry reported that:
    a. He is moving forward in negotiations with **Blackboard**; will try to sole source.
    b. He was going to schedule some forums for **Social Media**, but the Chancellor wanted a recommendation by tomorrow. He will provide that, but with the caveat that there are still a lot of unanswered questions about this venture.
    c. Regarding a question that came up about the next IT computer lab **refresh**, Jerry confirmed that it is still on schedule for the 09-10 winter break.
    d. The **Help Desk** is working on software and systems to improve its service, noting in particular the long needed capability for students to reset their own passwords.

    Kirk reported that:
    a. **iTunes U** is up and working. The official rollout is scheduled for August 4, but it will be piloted with two or three departments this summer. URL is itunes.uccs.edu [or as I discovered later, also itunesu.uccs.edu].
    b. His team has made a recommendation for Ingeniux as our new **wCMS**. Jerry will attempt to sole source this product as well.

2. **Proposals**
    David rejoiced in that MERIC had awarded him $64,000 to help equip the Science Auditorium with a state of the art audio-visual system as part of the Science Building renovation. His proposal for lecture capture equipment, however, was turned down.

3. **IT Strategic Plan**
    Yvonne suggested that many of the items from our recent agendas should be included; Jackie suggested that we might conduct a survey similar to what was done for the last plan; and Jerry noted that many IT departments are getting away from a strategic "plan" to strategic "flexibility," given that things change so quickly in the IT arena (iTunes and social networking, for example, weren't even around when the last plan was crafted). Jerry and David will work on this over the summer.

NEW BUSINESS
1. **Mobile Lab**

    Yvonne described a mobile computer system designed for "digital storytelling," a visual method of delivering content that could be used on multiple levels, from K-12 to higher ed, and that could be checked out and used on campus or taken into the community. All agreed that a proposal to fund this should be pursued.

2. **Shuttle GPS**

    Chris suggested that equipping our shuttles with GPS and having a web page where students could see where the shuttles are would be cool. Whether or not students perceive a need for this has yet to be assessed, and given the current state of the budget, further discussion was postponed until a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next ITAC meeting will be scheduled in September.

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