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Minutes of the Consultative Committee

February 9, 2011

Imholte Hall 202

Present: Paula O'Loughlin, Jen Zych Herrmann, Manjari Govada, Mark Privratsky, Sharon van Eps, Laura Thielke, Jim Barbour, Brad Deane, Jane Kill, Naomi Wente, Nancy Carpenter, Zak Forde

Meeting with the Committee: Jim Hall, Director, Computing Services

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 am by co-chair Paula O'Laughlin.

Jim Hall

Google: The campus is 40% migrated to Google. Migration levels are near 55% in most divisions. Jim will be presenting a tutorial on Google in an upcoming "Wake Up to Tech" seminar.

Discussion: Google migration has presented some troubles, but few big problems. Students seem to be fine with it. Among students there is a growing use of Google Docs. Faculty complaints of trouble with Gmail have been more numerous. An informal survey of the group present was generally positive, though a few specific problems were described. Jim suggested that older versions of Firefox were the culprit in many of the problems users have been experiencing. A suggestion was made that Computing Services collect a log of specific issues.

Progress on Audit Recommendations: Three are completed and 5 are in progress. Of these 5, one will be closed within 3 months, another shortly after, and another by next fall. In the item on Server/Desktop Management, data standards have been strengthened, environmental controls in the equipment rooms in Behmler have been improved, and swipe card entrance to server areas is being implemented to improve access security. Chain control and business continuity improvements are in progress.

Personal Website Hosting: *Note: Jim provided a handout to the committee members. The following notes pertain to that document, which will become a part of these minutes.* 1. Computing Services will consolidate all personal web pages onto a single server. Faculty/staff will become responsible for their own updates. CS will automatically migrate personal web pages from cda, facultypages, studentorgs, and www to personal.morris.umn.edu. CS will also phase in and enforce a limit of 100 MB on personal page size. (Note that the Twin Cities Campus already has the 100 MB limit.) Existing pages >100 MB will be exempted, at least for a time. The personal page consolidation will produce savings in infrastructure and staff time. Old servers will be eliminated. Hardware costs will be reduced by \$1000 per server p year. Most of this work will be done after Commencement, but cda will go first, ASAP. Jim notes that the budget situation may affect any or all of these plans.

Question about Facebook policy: JH says that OIT has no policy specific to Facebook. It is recommended that all official material be on the U website.

Plans for Content Management System? CS is looking at a content management system that will allow Departments to edit their own websites. Currently, we're using UMContent, but it requires CS staff to edit content. Next Quarter, CS will explore extending content management to student organizations.

Recent internet outage: www.morris.umn.edu is hosted on the Twin Cities virtual server. The recent outage was caused by a failure on the virtual server.

Wireless security: OK for now, but will probably upgrade this summer. CS will be working with OIT this summer to upgrade our network equipment – both wired and wireless. Ultimately, the goal is to have a wireless campus.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Barbour