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October 31, 2011 minutes (as amended on November 14)
McGinnis Room / 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Present: Tracy Otten, Lisa Harris, Roger Boleman, Jim Hall, LeAnn Dean, Joe Beaver, Ellis Valentiner, Zak Forde; Absent: Rose Murphy, Sylke Boyd, Matt Johnson

The meeting was convened at 4:00 pm by Tracy Otten. The committee expressed appreciation to Tracy and Lisa for providing chocolate chip cookies and chocolate candy. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as corrected (the Zine project benefited from a grant from the Commission on Women, rather than student technology fee; the Instructional and Media Technologies report was amended to state that the Tech fee and other funding sources had enabled our campus to stay on track with upgrades, but for this year only).

Roger Boleman reported on the following news from Instructional and Media Technologies:

- 1) Personnel matters: a temporary person has been hired and a permanent civil service position has been approved and posted. Though a search committee is not required in this instance, a small screening committee has been formed. The Tech People group will have a chance to meet with finalists and Roger invited members of ASSC to contact him if they would also like to be included in this opportunity to meet the candidates being interviewed.
- 2) The statewide consortium-- MN Learning Network, MNSCU, and U of M are collaborating on a state wide media management system. It's like Netfiles for video and is named Kaltura that will archive compressed video formats. It will replace Media Mill. Kaltura can be used with classroom management software. Anyone with a x.500 ID/password at U of M can set up an account and use it. The new consortium is in the implementation stage and plans to be on-line by fall 2012. The \$15,000 per year that UMM pays to be a member of SHOT will entitle us to be a part of this project and enables us to get new equipment and take advantage of other services as well. The new consortium has technical and policy committees that will meet on a regular basis.
- 3) Video on demand at UMM- Video on demand is currently available on the UMM web site, but with limited functionality. IMT is proposing a product called Media Core that will archive video that is searchable on Google and supports searching by category or keyword. For example, someone could search for the Barber Lecture and be able to watch those presentations.
- 4) IMS has been participating in the IT Partners Wake up to Technology sessions (follow up to sessions first presented last spring). Those attendees who have participated in at least 4 sessions will be eligible to win an iPad prize (donated by Billie Wahlstrom, UMTC).
- 5) Video conferencing room. The interactive video room, HFA7, is in the process of renovation. There is a big screen with quadrants for participants in various locations. Attendees can also watch PowerPoint presentations and other programming being shown at any of the connected sites. It was pointed out that UMTC charges all non-classes for use, which may have a discouraging effect on use. UMM doesn't charge to use this facility or service. It is hoped that telephone conferencing and UMConnect utilization will be possible as well.

Lisa Harris asked if the Google telephone capability has been promoted. Jim reported that it hasn't been advertised so far, but that will happen soon.

Jim Hall shared the following Computing Services news:

- 1) Google + was rolled out quietly last week and then announced to the campus today. U of M is fairly unique in that only 22 universities are using and promoting Google+. It is a social application similar to Facebook in that you can share information with many people at once and photos may be included. It is different than Facebook in that you can add friends even though that friend doesn't add you to your various "circles." It is open to anyone who has a Google account. There is a capability to "follow" someone. For example, an instructor can put all her students in a circle for that course and can share information one way. A person can have multiple circles. "Hangouts" allow video chat at desktop, including up to 10 people. It has applications for group work and sharing desktops.
- 2) The network upgrade planning is progressing. OIT will be here on campus between Jan and May 2012 to do onsite audit. Starting after graduation in May, they will begin working on the upgrade. Computing Services will coordinate changes so that summer classes won't be impacted. Between July and August 2012 they will replace components of the wireless network and may move access points. Priority locations for improved wireless capability include HFA, Student Center and library.
- 3) WWW server migration starts on Wednesday, Nov. 2. There will be a DNS update so the campus will notice no disruptions.
- 4) Jim is a member of the U of M Vice President / CIO search committee. He can report a strong pool of candidates. In-person interviews begin soon. Campus interviews will probably be held the week before and after Thanksgiving.

Joe asked about the migration from Cougar mail to Google. All current students/fac/staff should be migrated by Dec. 31, 2011. Right now, 73% of UMM is done. Alumni and retirees will migrate after January, 2012.

LeAnn asked if Zak and Ellis are still willing to help Pat Lienemann arrange for student input for Learning Commons planning. They replied they were and will be contacted sometime in the next two weeks to help with promoting a survey and arranging participants for focus groups.

Zak inquired if there was a possibility that Nancy Cheeseman might have an opportunity to come to our committee and share ideas and plans she has for Disability Services and Academic Assistance programs. Hopefully, she can come to a meeting during spring semester.

The next meeting will be held on November 14. LeAnn will report on library news and Zak will share information about the Student Technology Fee process for this year.

Respectfully submitted,
LeAnn Dean