

University of Pittsburgh Senate Computer Usage Committee (SCUC)
Minutes for November 20th, 2015 meeting

Attending: Walton, Costantino, Hampton, Jones, Yarger, LaDue Gross, Arena, Serieka

TOPIC		ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Call to order and approval of minutes	Minutes approved for October 9 th meeting	Approved minutes will be sent to Faculty Senate Office.
CSSD Updates	<p>Window 10 follow up: Adjust privacy settings- visit http://technology.pitt.edu/support/customizing-windows-10-privacy-settings for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once adjusted, reporting methods similar to other technology <p>CRM Enterprise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving toward centralization • Critical requirements- enterprise, school and unit considerations <p>Cloud Computer Cycles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using in a classroom setting? Proper allocation of credits is critical. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Used all credits? Faculty and students responsible for overage fees to continue access • CSSD Comparison (attached). <p>Q Azure (Microsoft) credits? A: Instructor 250 credits. Student by term.</p> <p>Q:Amazon?</p>	

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	<p>A: Amazon’s University partnership includes some additional credits for both students and faculty. However, student/faculty will be charged overage fees. Credit card needed for sign up.</p> <p>Q: Google?</p> <p>A: Credit based. Google grants include credits. Gartner rates others higher.</p> <p>Q: Possible CSSD brokered service /cost recovery service?</p> <p>A: Will investigate. Update in future meetings.</p> <p>Q: Final recommendations for class use?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the most part, faculty choice- use known technology that is appropriate to meet class objectives. <p>Email follow up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.provost.pitt.edu/handbook/ch2_wkpl_comp_resr.htm • University email “owned” by Pitt. To be used for University business • 3rd party options freely available for personal email. 	
<p>CSSD 3 year IT Plan (strategic planning)</p>	<p>Next SCUC meeting (1/22) dedicated to CSSD’s strategic planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please review documents sent to scuc list prior to meeting • Two hours- 10am-12pm 	

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Expanded Faculty Senate Chairs meeting report	Single sign on issue revisited by Benefits and Welfare. Assessing new security implantations planned for early 2106.	
Call for New Business		
Meeting Adjourned		Next Meeting @ 10am (until 12) on 1/22. Please read supporting documents prior to next meeting. CSSD Comparison of computing cycle vendors below.

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	AWS	Azure	Winner
<i>Competitive Advantage</i>	Market leader in IaaS AWS is a brand that users seem most comfortable with, because of the brand that Amazon has established	Second highest rated vendor by Gartner	AWS
<i>Enrollment</i>	Requires users to create a separate account	Allows students to logon using their University credentials	Azure
<i>Credits</i>	Requires users to provide a credit card, for usage overages Students \$35 or \$75 per year Instructors \$100 or \$200 per year Overages charged to user's credit card	Students do not need to provide a credit card. Students \$100 per month for 6 months Instructors \$250 per month for 12 months Overages result in the services being turned off for the remainder of the billing period. Users have no financial liability.	Azure

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Comparison

<i>Training</i>	Access to free training and virtual labs	Access to free training and virtual labs	Tie
<i>Additional Features</i>	Portal for students and instructors to contribute content and participate in private discussion boards	Students provided additional compute time through DreamSpark, that isn't tied to a class.	Tie
		Monthly contests with cash prizes.	

Concerns

The primary issue with using these services in a classroom setting, has to do with proper allocation of the credits in order to complete the class objectives. If the instructor or students do not properly manage their credits, they can easily consume them and be left in a state where they cannot complete their work without paying for the services out of pocket, it will be critical that the users understand how best to manage their credits when they begin to use these services.