

SCUC -- January 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Members attendance: Vincent C. Arena, Frank H. Beatrous, Jr., Arif Jamal, Alexandros Labrinidis, Fran Yarger, James Doty, Robert Daley, John M. Close, Joseph Costantino, Karen Courtney, Irene Frieze, Michael Bolam, Susan Sereika.

Other: Jinx Walton,

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Call to order	Alex called the meeting to order at 10:05am	
Brief Introductions		
CSSD Report by Jinx	<p><u>PeopleSoft Upgrade</u>: There will be an upgrade in the PeopleSoft system from version 8.9 to 9.0. From now one upgrades will be coming in a continuous fashion, as “feature packs”. This upgrade will bring better student advising features, online textbook info and redesigned transcripts.</p> <p><u>Secure your data initiative</u>: This was redesigned over the winter break, making it more user-friendly. The site now has new tools (e.g., identity finder for Mac), but also links to policies and procedures. Computrace Plus is the program to trace lost/stolen laptops. About 1,650 faculty/staff users have installed it; an additional 16,000 students have installed the Lojack version.</p> <p><u>Shibboleth initiative</u>: Will provide single sign-on and authentication across multiple universities participating; allow for access to online resources (from other universities). NIH is using it.</p> <p><u>VMS</u>: VMS machine was officially decommissioned over the winter break. Unclaimed data tapes were kept and will remain at RIDC until the end of June. Potential of historical value for some tapes was identified by Bob Daley (e.g., data recorded from prof. Adovasio’s Rockshelter discovery, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowcroft_Rockshelter). Suggestion to give tapes back to tape owners when they can be identified. Suggestion to provide outsourced option to convert data from tapes.</p> <p><u>PRISM TRKS</u>: Single sign-on implemented, integrated with my.pitt.edu. Plan to move multiple services to single sign-on.</p> <p><u>Mobile App</u>: CSSD will be developing a mobile application for the University of Pittsburgh. The first phase will include readily available information. The second phase will include features that require authentication (e.g., check student grades, etc). CSSD is using an open-source toolkit that will make the application work across different platforms.</p>	<p>Q: do we need to use PGP whole disk encryption for Mac computers, given native support through FireVault? [Jinx will check]</p> <p>[Jinx will check price of option to convert tapes]</p>

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Experience with new OMET Evaluation of Teaching	The results from last term's evaluation of teaching have not yet been delivered. Initial memo said they would be available right after grades were posted. This has not happened. It seems the new software came at a steeper-than-expected learning curve and there are some issues.	Discussion deferred for next meeting
Other issues	<p>Complaint was logged about broadcast messages on the voicemail system. A lot of them are irrelevant, but it is not clear if anything can be done.</p> <p>The idea of using campus-wide mailing lists for some topics was presented. This issue has been discussed in the past in the committee, but perhaps it is time to revisit.</p>	Discussion on mailing lists deferred for next meeting
Adjournment		Next meeting on Friday, Feb 19 th at 10am.