

Information Technology Resources Advisory Committee (ITRAC) Meeting

March 29, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

Tech Commons 1, #102C

Minutes

Attendees (15): Barry Baker, Melody Bowdon, Tom Cavanagh, Ozlem Garibay, Matthew Gerber, Brian Goldiez, Joel Hartman, Richard Hartshorne, Athena Hoepfner, Tammie McClellan, Don Merritt, Gary Nichols, Peter Smith, Bob Yanckello, Shengli Zou

Introduction/Approval of Minutes

- Richard Hartshorne called the meeting to order. February meeting minutes were approved.

Unified Communications Demonstration (Bob Yanckello)

- Lisa Isham led a demonstration of Skype for Business, which is replacing the old phone system. All forms of communication are merged into one IP-based platform (Skype for Business). The demonstration included information/elements, such as:
 - Basic phone to video
 - Sharing with students (although they are on a separate system)
 - Up to 250 on a call
 - Setting up different call in numbers (local numbers vs. long distance)
 - 360 video functionality (with appropriate camera; for conference rooms)
 - Presentation view
 - Modifying settings to allow various individuals to record calls/sessions
 - May be moving to address some of the UCF space crunch

High-Performance Research Computer (Brian Goldiez)

- Brian Goldiez led a discussion. PowerPoint notes provided and members were encouraged to take back to departments.
- Topics of focus included: History of HPC at UCF, Why it is important, Services, What HPC is, Current HPC System at UCF (Linux-based; 371 TB storage, 361 users), Current resources available to faculty (management, consultation, collaboration, external linkages), Policies on access and use
- Application software is usually reliant on faculty member
- Contact Brian Goldiez to use

Status of eduroam Phased Plan

- Bob Yanckello led a discussion.
- Provides wireless access to anyone who is a member of eduroam.
- This project is slated for the end of July, with on and off campus availability.

Open Discussion of Future ITRAC Topics

- Committee mentioned an interest in gaining access to Steve Crowe's Office 365 presentation.
- The option of going to soft phones, replacing Cisco phones, was discussed.
- To enable MSVoice, contact the Unified Communications desk.
- **Next meeting topics:**
 - Perhaps demonstrate UCF Apps at next meeting.
 - Discussion of mechanism for disseminating important information regarding various tech changes across campus.
 - Perhaps Jeff Morgan can discuss customizing the emergency notification system.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM. The next meeting will be on May 9th at 2:00, in ADM-395#.