

UWM IT Policy Committee Meeting

October 12, 2018

8:00 – 9:30 am

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Attendees: Rachael Daniel, Clark Evans, Roger Smith, Hong Min Park, Patrick Doran, Jian Zhao, Joyce Latham, Tanya Kruse, Pat Reilly, Ilian Iliev, Hans Volkmer, Anita Alkhas, Peter Schwander, ex-officio Bob Beck, Mark Jacobson, and Laura Pedrick.

Guests: Jason Bacon, Dave Crass, Bill Gaulke, Tamara Edmond, Bobby Jo Morse, Chris Spadanuda, Noelle Fredrich, Stephanie Warner, Jim Kavanagh, Dan Siercks, Kevin Jahnke, Scott Kleba, Keith Kunkel, John Goodman, Michael Keller, Anna Dempsey-Fischer, Beth Schaefer

On committee, not present: Nick Fleisher, CC Adeyemo.

Meeting called to order at 8:03am

1. Approval of Minutes – September, 2018 - Approved
2. New Faculty Representation for the College of General Studies vote (Fleisher/Smith) - Approved
 - a. ITPC recommendation goes to faculty senate, for implementation next year.
3. Research Support (Dave Crass, Bob Beck, Jason Bacon)
 - a. Handout Provided
 - b. Presentation: What is research computing? An overview of current research support on campus (Jason Bacon)
 - i. Research computing, or Computational Science, is the use of computers for data analysis or modeling. This is becoming prevalent in all scientific disciplines. Recent rapid growth in biology, medicine, geosciences. Highlighted core team, hardware resources, and available support functions including workshops. Utilization statistics were provided, the biggest users being CEAS, L&S and SFS. Looking forward, research computing would like to institute incremental upgrades, increase campus partnering (such as with LIGO), address non-HPC needs, and increase core staff.
 1. Questions:
Laura Pedrick – What connections are there with CSI and DSI?

- a. Dave Crass – UITS has been involved with infrastructure, however research computing has yet to be engaged.

Laura Pedrick – What external partnerships do/could we have?

- b. Dave Crass – Milwaukee Institute had created this environment in the past. There was not enough need to continue this group. Marquette and Medical College, local institutions take part in our workshops for example.

Roger – Server storage areas, currently many faculty use off campus resources, could this be handled on campus?

- c. Dave Crass – this is an area that could be explored.

Joyce – Digital Humanities group

- d. Dan Siercks – continues to engage with them.

- ii. Dave Crass – what areas could we grow in? Our current area of expertise is driven by scale. Given the specialized needs, when we add resources they have to be targeted to be effective. Looking to explore pools of campus research need in order to add appropriate support. May begin discussions with the Deans, and then roll out to faculty/staff.
- iii. Bob Beck –Greatest success with funded scalable research. Our greater challenge is the unfunded non-scalable, highly specific research areas. How can we identify areas we can make more scalable?

4. New UWM Budget Model (Bob Beck)

- a. High level sense of the new budget model and its implications for IT. UWM has historically relied on a marginal tuition model, which works in high enrollment environments. Moving towards a more strategic budget model, which is now in the early stages of implementation, to be rolled out in FY20. IT will be a part of ‘Central Support Services and Infrastructure’ rubric, of which there are 4 divisions, comprised of 15 non-academic units. Each of the 4 divisions will submit a document to address various considerations and will be used to determine the FY20 budget for those divisions. Baseline for each area will be the expenditures for FY18 and Merit Raises received on campus.
 - i. Laura Pedrick – what about UW System resources? System resources may support 2 year campuses, but not our campus. We are committed to giving CGS as much support as possible.

5. User Infrastructure (Smith)

- a. Roger Smith suggested opening this up as discussion area, as he's watching faculty, staff, and students struggle with user interfaces. How do we look at this on campus? Kick it off today – As an example the monthly leave reports.

It was noted that Peoplesoft isn't necessarily a world leader for user interfaces.

Reilly suggested a survey about tool satisfaction on campus. Doran suggested asking what is working. Rachael said these types of reviews are happening on campus.

Develop a list on campus of who on campus is a point of contact on campus for tool review.

Smith proposed next steps would be to dabble in drafting a survey.

6. Committee Liaison Reports – naming representatives
 - a. Academic Planning and Budget Committee (Rachael Daniel)
 - i. New budget model was covered by Beck earlier in the meeting.
 - b. Tech Users Group (tba)
 - i. Schaefer will send a note to the committee asking members to consider being named to report back.
 - c. Educational Technology Committee (Ilian Iliev)
 - i. Anita Alkhas will serve again – Schaefer will send a note to the committee asking for two faculty representatives.
 - d. Office365 Governance Team (CC Adeyemo)
 - e. Research Policy Advisory Committee (Joyce Latham)
 - f. Web Steering Committee (Pat Reilly)
7. Meeting was adjourned at 9:28am