

Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC)

MINUTES

9:00, April 12, 2012 in EPC 304C

Members in attendance: David Anderson (chair), Jackie Crouch, Jeff Foster, Jan Kemper, Kirk Moore, Venkat Reddy, Morgan Shepherd, Scott Switzer, Jerry Wilson, Regina Winters

UPDATES

1. IT – Jerry Wilson, Kirk Moore
 - a. IT System Alerts page – www.uccs.info; links from IT Help Desk, Blackboard, Current Students, Faculty and Staff, Online, etc.; hope to announce in the next couple of weeks.
 - b. Smart classrooms – task force looking at features, tools, infrastructure for next generation classroom; how to address special needs, room scheduling.
 - c. Social media free zones – Rory Lewis abandoned the research project, but IT will continue monitor for a semester or two, see how much usage they get and what kind of feedback.
 - d. Amigapod (wireless guest user access) – needed especially for conferencing; able to set up wireless access for groups of people without needing accounts and passwords; can include advertising; planned to be up by the end of this month.
 - e. UCCS web site survey – encourage everyone to fill out.
2. Blackboard – David Anderson, Kirk Moore
 - a. Blackboard performance has been good.
 - b. Building blocks – did some cleaning up; more thorough testing of new ones.
 - c. Tentative dates
 - i. summer students – April 30
 - ii. fall courses – June 4
 - iii. fall faculty – June 11
 - iv. fall students – July 23
 - d. Service Pack 8
 - i. huge feature improvements
 - ii. tentative August upgrade
 - iii. recruiting faculty and students to help test
3. Campus Online Task Force – Venkat Reddy

NEW BUSINESS

1. Synchronous communication tool – we are again in a situation where a number of different systems are being used: Math Online – Elluminate, Excel Centers – eLecta, Nursing, Ed, and TLC – Adobe Connect Pro; we need again to try to consolidate.

- We should look at Blackboard's Collaborate (which incorporates Elluminate) along with the others.
- We will generate a survey to evaluate potential usage; set up "live" demos with different systems; hope to make a decision by fall.

Next meeting: 9:00, May 10, 2012 in EPC 304C