



University of Miami

Academic Computing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Richter Library – 3rd Floor Conference Room

Monday, February 29, 2016

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Attendees: *Orlando Acevedo, Charles Eckman, Serona Elton, Cheryl Gowing, Mary McKay, Marilyn Neff, Mitsu Ogihara, Andres Sawicki, Mei-Ling Shyu, and Sigman Splichal.*

Ex-officio: *Allan Gyorke and Sally Wise*

Guests: *Ijeom Adele*

AGENDA

Welcome:

Dean Eckman welcomed the group and introduced the newest member: Associate Professor, Orlando Acevedo, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry.

Approval of November Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on January 25, were approved without modifications.

Announcements/Updates

Cheryl Gowing noted that the new Integrated Library System (ILS) that is merging UM Libraries, Calder Medical, and Law Library, is expected to go live on May 17, 2016. Further communication is forthcoming about the new system before and after implementation.

Allan Gyorke gave an update on the action item: Google Box – ownership rights. According to the General Council, the Faculty Manual takes precedence over any user agreement with external software companies. Currently, the IT section of the manual is under revision, thus, Allan will follow up on this action item and report his finding to the Committee at the next ACAC meeting.

Mitsu Ogihara shared important concerns shared by Burt Rosenberg and Michael Froomkin regarding the asset management software, *Eracent*. Allan noted that Burt's concerns were that computers installed by *Eracent* were scanning the network and reporting our abilities, which Allan stated is not the case. It was noted that *Eracent* has not performed that function, but has the capability to do so. Discussion ensued.

The Committee agreed to invite Burt to address this issue at a future ACAC meeting.

Learning Commons

Kelly Miller gave an overview on the Learning Commons initiative. She stated that the project has completed its planning process with Brightspot Strategy consultants. She distributed a document titled *Learning Commons: Service, Space, and Staffing Strategy*, detailing the development of the Learning Commons, which began over a year ago. She summarized the project background; vision for the Learning Commons; service strategy, and space strategy. This report will be available in Box.

She also shared two full reports on the Learning Commons: 1) *User Research Report* and 2) *UM Learning Commons Brief*, accessible here: [Learning Commons](#).

Kelly concluded by noting that she, Dean Eckman, Allan Gyorke, and Steve Cawley, traveled to San Jose, CA, to visit the Adobe Headquarters, to discuss a partnership with Adobe and the University of Miami in support of the Learning Commons. The next step in the plan is to develop a budget strategy. More on the Adobe partnership is forthcoming. The Learning Commons is located on the first floor at Richter Library.

Innovation in Education

Allan Gyorke presented the latest innovations taking place in the 21st Century classroom at the University via PowerPoint and video:

- Faculty teaching classes while traveling off campus: conferences, etc.
- Students communicating in the classroom via their laptops with traveling professors
- UM has online Master's Degree programs and certificates
- Graduate students are narrating/teaching classes that professionals find too difficult to teach to the novice thinker, thus, easier for a student to explain
- Benefits of Whiteboard now installed in the Faculty Exploratory room at Richter Library
- Faculty Showcase May 9, at the Shalala Activity Center
- Whitepaper Hot Team eLearning Development Tool (more info: [Hot Team](#))
- Faculty Learning Communities (more info: [Faculty Success Story](#))
- Adaptive learning, hands-on problem solving, and visual thinking classrooms
- *Shlok* classroom
- Simulation classroom

Dean Eckman asked the group to send him any ideas or questions they have on Quad. Allan's PowerPoint/video is available here: <https://miami.box.com/s/3xna9njxx0cmh0junw3g3ou6jtf5z1ag>. For an overview of Innovation in Education, see [Quad](#).

Meeting Adjournment:

With no further discussions or questions, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Action items for upcoming meetings:

- Project Management Systems
 - Review the University's system(s) to determine if enhancements are needed (Allan)
 - Review other solutions with Nick Tsinoremas (Mitsu)
 - Committee to discuss project management with their departments
- LifeRay presentation (Jack George)
- Review Listserv of current student emails
- Blackboard's capabilities
- Google Box – ownership rights

Upcoming/Continuing Topics:

- Data curation
- Classroom of the future
- Streaming for the University
- Website for the University
- Security
- Privacy
- Licensing of research software (spring 2016 meeting-tba)
- Status of task force recommendations for online education (spring 2016-tba)

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth del Campo.