

Academic Computing Advisory Committee

January 23, 2017– 4pm
Richter Library - Third Floor Conference Room
Coral Gables Campus

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome (C. Gowing) | 4:00pm |
| 2. Minutes from November 2016 Meeting (attached) | 4:05pm |
| 3. Announcements/Updates | 4:10pm |
| 4. TOR issues (guest: Brad Rohrer, UMIT) | 4:20pm |
| 5. Fall Agenda | 4:40pm |
| 6. Adjourn | 5:00pm |

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- Eracent annual communication (A. Gyorke, lead)



University of Miami

Academic Computing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Monday, January 23, 2017

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Attendees: *Orlando Acevedo, Shihab Asfour, Charles Eckman, Serona Elton, Cheryl Gowing, Mary McKay, Marilyn Neff, Mitsu Ogihara, Andres Sawicki, Mei-Ling Shyu, Dacia Simpson, and Tallys Yunes.*

Ex-officio present: *Allan Gyorke.*

Guest: *Brad Rohrer, Associate Vice President, Information Technology.*

AGENDA

Welcome: *Cheryl Gowing*

Cheryl welcomed the group, and informed them that Dean Eckman was attending the formal signing ceremony of the Jay I. Kislak Collection of the Early Americas, Exploration and Navigation to Special Collections. The collection, valued at \$30M, consists of some of the most important original source materials related to the history of the early Americas, including two of the earliest published editions of the famous 1493 Christopher Columbus letter, as well as more than 2,400 maps, rare books, manuscripts, photographs, and other objects. The collection will be housed at the new Jay I. Kislak Center (formerly Brockway Hall).

Self-introductions followed.

Approval of November Minutes

The minutes were approved without modifications.

Announcements/Updates

The contract with Gartner (research & data analytics group) expires in May, and will not be renewed.

College of Engineering has a new Active Learning classroom. Allan suggested that the Committee tour the space to see the active learning classroom first-hand. Cheryl noted that the School of Communication also has active learning classrooms. She will coordinate the tours for the group.

Cheryl stated that Mark Diaz is organizing a University-wide events and conference management system. The new software will have a master calendar, and will serve as the nuts & bolts of events management. Mr. Diaz assigned two working groups to the project:

1. EMS application selection
2. Business processes, procedures and policies

The working groups have turned in their reports, which he will share with the steering committee. If approved, the implementation process will begin in the spring.

Workday Finance goes live at the start of the fiscal year, June 1, 2017.

TOR Issues: *Brad Rohrer*

Brad stated that last spring faculty were blocked from using TOR (a protocol that allows access to the internet anonymously). He noted that the change was to protect and audit sensitive information on the University's secure wireless network from anonymous traffic or misuse. The alternative is using the

University's guest wireless network, CanesGuest, which is accessible to anyone. The only restrictions is that the connection will timeout after six/eight hours of usage to prevent using the network as a server.

Andres Sawicki stated that:

- Blocking users from accessing the internet anonymously infringes on academic freedom
- What are the best practices at peer institutions

Brad stated that we have the resources needed to use the network anonymously via the guest network. He also noted that IT is sensitive to the needs of its users, while at the same time it tries to safeguard their information, and provide valuable resources. He offered to work with Allan Gyorke to develop a detailed document about the guest network for the ACAC Committee to review and get their feedback on the pros and cons of the network.

Allan noted two important issues from IT:

- Ensure academic freedom
- Monitor hackers that can infiltrate computers to cause havoc or possible irreparable damage

Best practices at peer institutions will be discussed at a later meeting.

It was noted that according to the ACAC Charge, the Committee should be informed of any IT changes to software, programs, platform, etc., prior to general service announcements (not emergency notifications). Brad stated that an additional step will be added to the Change Control stipulating this directive. If the Committee is not in session, IT will notify them by email first before making a general announcement.

Discussion ensued.

Spring/Fall Agenda

- Two site visits to active learning classrooms (SoC and CoE)
- Robert Young to speak at an upcoming ACAC meeting regarding new website designs
- Task force report on Online Education (part 2)
- Laureate Education (part 1)
- DCIE representation at ACAC meetings
- Updates on new events/conference management software
- Education Advisory Board (EAB) guide mobile app
- EAB Campus

Questions arose regarding the new performance appraisal: TALK. It was suggested that the best person to contact about TALK is Veronica Maristany, Human Resources director for academic staff.

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Meeting Adjournment:

With no further discussions/questions, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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