

University Technology Advisory Committee (UTAC)

July 10, 2006

Members present:

Tom McCoy, Gwen Jacobs, Richard Wolff, Sue Monahan, Dana Longcope, Laura Humberger, Jim Rimpau, Bruce Morton, Adam Edelman, Randy Pauley

Luminus Portal Presentation (Pauley)

Jim Rimpau gave an update of the search for the Assistant CIO and Director of ITC. The search committee has met once and the vacancy announcement will be posted soon. Screening for the position will begin August 25th.

The committee discussed the issue of coordination of activities between the other TAC committees. The IT Governance Committee which includes all the Chairs of the TAC committees and the Vice-Chairs, meets monthly. Updates from each committee are presented at this meeting. Jim Rimpau said the ITC would host the minutes from each TAC meeting on the ITC website.

Richard Wolff reported on the activities of the Strategic Planning Committee which had its first meeting in June. The committee has received its charge and will begin its work by reviewing the Edutech Report from last year as well as materials from Educar and Educause. The committee discussed what would happen to the draft produced by the Strategic Planning Committee. The current plan is for the draft to be reviewed by all of the TACs for comment and then presented in a public forum for comment. Richard Wolff estimated an October 15th release of a first draft of the report.

Randy Pauley gave a presentation on the MSU myportal which is currently implemented with access for all faculty and students that are currently registered. The committee discussed using some of the portal tools for managing group discussions. Users can login via MSU Myinfo. WebCT access will be available on a course by course basis through the portal, linked to each student's course list.

Gwen gave an update on the environmental scanning activities. Most of these activities are going somewhat slowly due to faculty unavailability over the summer. Plans are to pursue this activity starting August 15th when faculty return for the Fall Semester.

Gwen also described the current plans for the new Lariat connection to go live in mid October. Although the process is well underway, the circuit - once in place, will require extensive testing prior to the switchover of the campus network. The committee discussed possible application demonstrations as part of a go live event.