

Bozeman IT Council Notes

Thursday, April 21, 2016
President's Conference Room

Call to Order, Announcements, Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

February Minutes Approved

Communications Check-In

- Request to send all communications to this group at least 24 hours before sent to fac/staff
- Communications will be sent out today on Research Data Census and O365 Student Email
 - Research Data Census survey and discussed new funding for research data storage. On the 26th and May 2 there will be discussions with faculty researchers and later with technical group to gather storage appliance requirements. RFP in July with potential deployment ~ in January.
 - Student email
 - i. Rolling adoption to O365 student email. *@students.montana.edu*
 1. Incoming freshman will automatically have accounts provisioned.
 2. Current students may request to be moved to O365 and will be rolled out on an individual basis.
 - ii. Over the course of next 3 years there will be an increase in the users of O365 and decrease in the use of student Gmail. Not forcing anyone to switch but allowing them to have access to accounts.
 - iii. More details on student employee accounts in the future (meeting April 22nd on this topic).

Updates

Web Server Inventory Application

- Message http://www.montana.edu/itcenteremail/ITC_server_app
- Message to be sent out morning of April 27th. Please wait to use inventory until after April 27th and do not share message with others. Database is still going through final testing and modifications.
- Application will help identify servers and the staff responsible for them and will eventually provide inventory of all servers. This will allow for better firewall rule management and improve vulnerability management efforts. Web server information should be entered by end of May. Will then contact individuals who have not entered server information into the application.
- Eventually need to discuss web services that are handled externally (Matt R.)
- Help desk will someday have a ticket type for requests/questions regarding this service.
- Please email Adam with any issues, comments or concerns.

Policy

- All enterprise policies are up for review. Working through policies to update and creating associated procedures if needed. Goal is to complete three policies by end of summer.
- Currently working on Copyright Infringement policy and drafting standards. Also working on Data Stewardship policy with Data Governance Advisory Council.

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- Will have opportunity for input from this group before going through approval process.

Discussions

Computer restart message

- Suggestion to add a paragraph reminder about policy regarding domain joined machines

Windows 10

- We are ready to let campus use Windows 10 and will lift the ban of upgrading MSU owned computers. Working to determine if we should send out an email suggesting people upgrade with a page with upgrade information and best practices. We will cease telling them not to upgrade.

CFAC/EFAC Discussion

- Will share list of items discussed electronically as well-list is of funded items but not prioritized items. Units should have also received communication of what was funded, at what amount and items that were rejected and why.
- Will be sending information on Dell computer purchase from ITC Business Office.
- Funds will be available in July.

Strategic Planning

- Advisory groups having conversations regarding “quick fixes” that can address immediate needs. Then having SWOT exercises on topics related to each advisory groups. IT council will have these discussions this summer.
- Will combine input from all advisory groups into strategic plan.
- See slides for information on advisory groups and timeline of strategic planning.
- IT Center is also completing exercises and having conversations regarding needs, future of ITC, technology roadmaps, ITC mission/values, etc.
- Goal to complete the input mid-fall, will share input with this group and in a public forum.

Bozeman Telepresence Working Group Final Report

- Working group looked at history of videoconferencing and assessed current state of infrastructure and developed report. Also included section of video conferencing nomenclature that need to be used to avoid confusion.
- Include recommendations in report, including that the working group become an advisory group.
- May need to add a section for future investments/soon to be online rooms.
- Consider how extension systems integrate/connection. Need to add this into the report/representation on the group.
- Another idea to add is what are the applications and what are people using them for? That helps us frame “if using this, go here” for support.
- Can dollar amounts and initial funding sources be identified to understand investment in video teleconferencing by all units on campus?

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- What about classroom video conferencing? Should we make some investments in some classrooms?-conversation with the Instructional Tech advisory council?

Action Items

- Share technical requirements for Research storage application meeting time with group (Jerry) and the individuals currently invited to the meetings in case others need to be invited.
- Share CFAC/EFAC page electronically (Jerry)
- Talk to users about their opinions, concerns or questions on teleconferencing (informal survey) (All)
- Share Telepresence working group final report (Matt R.)
- Move forward MS Direct Access to May meeting

Previous action items:

- Chris DeShazo will share CAA's student computer recommendations with the council.
- Jerry Sheehan will discuss the ability of departments to make student computer recommendations and the possible consequences of doing so with the Executive Council.