SIUC Computing Advisory Committee

SIU Student Center, Sangamon Room
March 20, 2015

Opening

The regular meeting of the SIUC Computing Advisory Committee was called to order at 8:30am on March 20, 2015 in the Sangamon Room of the SIU Student Center by Bill Bruns.

CAC Members and SIU IT Employees in Attendance

- Bill Bruns, Chair (Civil Service Council)
- Tom Imboden (ISAT)
- Rich Beach (Library Affairs)
- Narayanan Iyer (Faculty Senate)
- Themistoklis Haniotakis (Graduate Council)
- JP Dunn (AP Staff Council)
- Dimitrios Parhas (Graduate Student Association)
- David Crain (CIO, Information Technology)
- Kris Guye (Information Technology)
- Scott Bridges (Information Technology)
- Jim Jones (University Auditor)

CAC Members Not in Attendance

- Norman Carver (Graduate Council)
- Tom Furby (Law School)
- Jason Phillips (Civil Service Council)
- Andy Wang (Dean's Council)

The purpose of this meeting, as explained by David Crain (CIO) was to get a recommendation from this body as to the distribution of funds from the Undergraduate Student Technology Fee. David announced that there was approximately $400,000 to distribute, which is 50% of the funds collected. The other half has been spent on infrastructure upgrades, and Mr. Crain would like the CAC to recommend how to best use these funds to replace equipment in various computer labs across campus. Although Mr. Crain noted that he has the authority to spend these funds as he sees fit, he intends to follow the recommendation of this body.

There was discussion about the number of labs and their holding across campus, where they were located and the condition of their equipment.

There was also discussion about the process. An application process was not recommended.

Tom Imboden presented a spreadsheet of data that he has collected from straight emails that he had sent previously, and it became clear quite quickly that the collection of this data and assessment of this in any accurate and complete way would be a monumental job. David Crain offered Phillip Goodwin and Arden Lockwood from the Project Management office to help research and organize this data for the

next meeting. Shannon Newman was offered to get pricing and discounts from Dell and Apple for computers for baseline use and computers for more advanced needs.

In addition to discounts, the university will be able to supply more labs by handing down usable equipment from labs with newer equipment to those with more modest needs.

A subcommittee was formed of volunteers, who would work with the Project Managers and purchasers to collect, assess and evaluate data based on the charge of the full committee: Tom Imboden, JP Dunn, Bill Bruns and Rich Beach.

The CAC proposed that labs be prioritized given the following criteria:

1. Academic units over other units
2. Replace XP and older technologies
3. Upgrade existing hardware over purchases, as possible
4. Distribute fairly across the campus

The vote was unanimously in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.