Enterprise Computing Committee (ECC)

October 7, 2003
Meeting Summary

ECC Attendees: Sue Abeles, Neal Axelrod, Jim Davis, Chris Foote, Tom Lifka, Claudia Mitchell-Kernan, Andrew Neighbour, Steve Olsen, John Sandbrook

Guests: Nick Reddingius (OIT), Esther Woo-Benjamin (OIT), Don Worth (AIS)

Agenda:

1) ECC Membership

Jim Davis announced that the ECC is being repositioned, renamed and the membership will be formally appointed to reflect stronger academic and administrative views on business, fiscal and operating considerations for campus wide productivity systems and infrastructure. The current membership will be augmented to strengthen College and Professional School input. The new name will be Committee on IT Infrastructure (CITI).

2) Email Model Task Force Recommendations

The Email Model Task force recommendations are intended to establish: a) a campus directory of active email addresses for all students, faculty, and staff for which an email address can be expected and by which, at any time, there is reasonable assurance that a particular individual can be contacted for the purposes of conducting campus business or providing campus information; b) a campus directory of persistent active email addresses for graduate and undergraduate students to raise the probability of remaining in individual contact with a student after graduation. In addition to development, there are a number of department-specific objectives for continued contact.

In general, the email model has been designed for department/school first rights management over namespace, indicating a premium on department addresses. There is also a premise of flexibility that includes campus, off-campus and department namespaces, multiple addresses and forwarding to off-campus addresses. The operational implications are that departments/schools will need to maintain, establish or increase resources if they want their own namespace. In the case of persistent email, there is need for an on-going commitment to assigning and maintaining persistent email addresses. Self-serve management tools are likely needed. Additional operational policy and standards of accountability will need to be established to maintain a consistent campus wide model. It was noted that email address do not need to imply email systems. Options for consolidating email systems need to be retained with the implication that alternatives must
allow for multiple namespaces and distributed management. The Office of Information Technology (OIT) recommends a cost analysis of options so that cost/benefit can be factored into the recommendations.

The ECC supported the recommendations of the Task Force and approved the next steps which include forming a technical team to analyze the proposed options and taking the options to the Deans.

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