

ITC (Information Technology Council) Meeting
February 15, 2006
Minutes

Attendees: Paul Cuddy, Roger Pick, Tom Sandreczki, Justin Malyn, Tim Cole, Andy Goodenow (representing Mel Tyler), Jeffrey Rydberg-Cox, Tom Brenneman, Adrienne Nicole May, Forrest Weddle, Brenda Dingley, Marsha Pirtle (representing Student Affairs), Justin Guggenmos (Guest), Tony Schutz (Guest), Easley Terry (Guest)

Absent: Larry Gates, Cynthia Amyot, Sharon Bostick, Mary Lou Hines, Janet Carnett, Gerald Wyckoff, Paul Rudy

The meeting began at 2:30 PM in the Brookside Room with the approval of the January, 2006 minutes (All minutes are maintained in the ITC folder on Exchange at: All Public Folders \ Kansas City \ Committees \ ITC). Meeting minutes and policy revisions to be approved at each upcoming meeting are available prior to the meeting in the ITC review. At the request of ITC members, an email will be sent when these materials are placed in the folder.

Old Business

Paul Cuddy reported that he followed up with Mary Lou Hines on 1/24/06 as requested by ITC to ask for guidance on the development of server policy.

- Mary Lou requested that ITC defer taking up the development of a server policy until the Fall semester 2006. Apparently there are discussions ongoing between UMKC Communications and IS which are anticipated to result in a more simplified administrative structure which Mary Lou believes will facilitate development of the server policy.
- Paul Cuddy also reported back that ITC need not develop a policy regarding ProCard use for IS purchases since this is being addressed at the UM System level.
- Issues surrounding the assignment of .COM addresses is also not an ITC agenda item and need not be addressed further.
- The last issue ITC requested followup on related to the delay in posting IS policies which ITC had recently developed/approved and forwarded to the CIO. Concerning the email filtering policy, Mary Lou reports that the other campuses (and UMKC) are currently working on some email related issues which may well impact the filtering policy and for this reason the posting of the policy is being delayed. Mary Lou reported that she would post the recently completed Wireless policy.

Tom Brenneman reported on an initial conversation he had with Carol Kariotis concerning development of policy related to computer use in the residence halls. Carol welcomes the opportunity to work with IS in developing any policy.

Tom also presented his initial findings of materials which could be used in development of a policy surrounding removal of software from UMKC computers. Materials from the Collected Rules and Regulations (Acceptable Use Policy), UM Procurement Services (Purchasing Policy Manual), and UM Web Policies and Guidelines were brought to meeting and contained some information that may be relevant. Work on development of the policy will begin and it is hoped that an initial draft will be available at the March 15 meeting. The Desktop Support Group would be a logical place for a draft of this policy to be created.

New Business discussed at the February 15, 2006 meeting

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a 45 minute web-based demonstration of the SecurExam program. Apparently a pilot program is ongoing and is being used at the School of Nursing for onsite and remote testing. The pilot program will continue through the end of December 2006. Pricing for the program was shared and the vendor apparently provides different price breaks for use in labs versus individual user – all lab licenses are apparently in use at UMKC. ITC members had the opportunity to direct questions to the vendor during the presentation.

Essential features of the program:

- Facilitates delivery of a secure online exam by locking down a variety of OS (Windows and Tiger) related functions, e.g., disables ALT-Tab, Ctrl-Alt-Del, Right Click, Print Features, Task Switching, Screen Capture, etc.. Apparently there is some ability to select which features are locked down.
- Works with Blackboard and WebCT and other ONLINE testing programs – provides a secure path directly to the testing module and blocks navigating to any other URLs
- Program does not claim nor is it capable of authenticating the user at this time
- The key to the security is password prepopulation (unique password generated within the SecurExam program serves as the exam password within Blackboard). When placed within the password entry in Blackboard the online exam can only be accessed form SecuExam.
- The SecurExam browser can be tailored to the needs of the school (apparently underway at UMKC)

ITC members were generally supportive of the program and representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Medicine thought the program would be well-received, esp. if this were introduced in conjunction with computer lab which could deliver a proctored exam. Roger Pick indicated that at least one of the features which was disabled (right click) could create problems for students at Block since they were tested with programs which require this feature.

Ton Schutz informed ITC that the online demo was recorded in Centra and could be replayed back for the benefit of ITC members who were not present at the meeting. The hyperlink to view the presentation is located at: <http://www.umkc.edu/is/its/Media/SecureexamDemo>

ITC members agreed to discuss the program within their units and attempt to gauge the likely interest in such a program. At the March meeting this topic would be taken up again with a goal of providing the CIO with some ideas on how much interest the campus could expect with SecurExam.

At the March meeting it is hoped that another demo will be available on Turnitin. Apparently other UM campuses have decided not to purchase Turnitin which raised some concern by ITC members since the UMKC campus appears to be well along in bringing the product to campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55.

Next ITC Meetings

Mar 15

Apr 19

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Submitted by Paul Cuddy

