Information Resources Committee (IRC) Meeting

January 7, 2010, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., AB5 210

Summary

Present: Oistad, McBride, Kirsch, Snyder, Banks, Vines, Jaeger, LaCrosse, Greene, Bernardo
Absent: O’Connor-Benson, Bryan  Guests: Bill Campbell, Paul Allen

Strategic Plan for Technology:

The Committee slightly revised Goal 4 and drafted action plans for Goal 4 (human resources) and Goal 5 (funding). O’Connor-Benson had added a note to Goal 3 (technology) prior to the meeting, and it was brought to the attention of the Committee.

1. (Org Structure) Commit to a responsive and agile I/T organizational structure for a sustainable use of resources, committed to annual I/T budgets and value creation.

2. (Services) Achieve academic excellence by providing the highest quality technology services based upon the assessed needs of faculty, students, and staff.

3. (Technology) Provide cutting edge academic technology to the university, and position the university to respond wisely to emerging technology trends.
   A. Standards (to be defined)
   B. Technology that falls outside parameters of established standards (e.g., other o/s’s, various hardware platforms) specifically as it relates to the support of research initiatives.

4. (Human Resources) Maintain a position of leadership in technology staffing, training and professional development to ensure academic excellence and student success.
   A. As the university grows, ensure proportional and appropriate technology staff and support.
      i. Extended support hours and expanded locations….
   B. Attract, develop and retain dedicated IT professionals.
   C. Provide proper training to the user community to maintain a standard level of competency in the use of current technology.

5. (Funding) Identify and establish recurring funding sufficient to support the level of technology to which the university commits.
   A. Revise budget process to identify and include recurring components of new initiatives as commitments are made.
B. Recurring commitment and process for technology currency

C. Provide annual budget mechanisms to identify and prioritize instructional computing needs and align with available resources.

D. Cooperative evaluation of technology purchases

6. (Sustainability) Include the university's commitment to environmental sustainability in technology decisions.

It was decided that several members would meet prior to the next Committee meeting to develop the action plans for Goals 2 (services) and 3 (technology). They will use the document already created (Future Ideas) for guidance. Those that agreed to meet are Mario, Dave, Mary, Neal, Paul, Bill, and Robert.

The full committee will develop action plans for Goals 1 (organizational structure) and 6 (sustainability) at our next meeting.

**Meeting Schedule:**

The task force will meet on January 14, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., AB3 295
The next meeting of the entire Committee will be January 21, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., AB5 210