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Technology Advisory Group

Meeting of: Thursday, May 07, 2015 – 2:30 p.m.

District Office 114, Executive Conference Room

Meeting Minutes for May 07, 2015

Members Present: Curtis Childress, Tammy Cottrell, Ancie Dulalas, Dean Hopkins, Phil Lyle, Jim Kennedy, Lee Krichmar, Cherylee Kushida, Nicholas Quach, Narges Rabii-Rakin, Sergio Rodriguez, Pat Weekes

Members Absent: Mike DeCarbo, Kari Irwin, Jolene Shields, George Sweeney,

Guests:

Discussion

- Minutes
 - The minutes from the April 2, 2015 meeting were approved.
- Review Pricing Comparisons & vote on existing desktop standard (Lenovo, HP, Dell)
 - Lee explained that the per unit price without tax was based on purchasing 320 units. After a purchase of 320 units from Dell last month, Dell came back with a lower per unit price for next year. Cost came down from \$1091.13 to \$981.05 which is more in line with the prices from Lenovo and HP. Dell did not, however, adjust the invoice for the 320 units currently on order from the district. These will be charged at the original price even though the order has not yet been fulfilled. So the \$981.05 price is now based on a purchase of 640 units rather than 320. She did not go back to Lenovo and HP for a new quote based on 640 units because Dell's price was still higher than the other two.
 - Lee also shared that the ITS Directors met and discussed the impact of imaging, supporting multiple platform PC's, and working with more than one vendor for service, etc. ITS is bringing a unanimous recommendation to change to HP beginning in July, 2015.
 - From a service and support perspective, Lee shared that HP is also very generous with providing spare parts to the techs for common issues in order to reduce downtime.
 - The recommendation would be to purchase approximately 50 units to start so that they can be tested in various areas in order to make sure that they perform adequately and that the experience for end users is comparable to our current standard. Power users and perhaps the libraries or Admissions would be good areas for testing. At least a few members from TAG as well.
 - Lee recommended that TAG updated the desktop standard for FY 2016 to HP. ITS will also fund the initial purchase of 50+ computers for the pilot.
 - Lee made the motion to change the existing desktop standard to HP Elite 800G1 small form factor with 23" monitor. Tammy seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- A/V Standards Update

- Lee reviewed the AV standards update sheet and explained that they will be evaluating some Casio lampless projectors during the summer. The lampless projector runs for 20,000 hours as opposed to a traditional projector that has a 2,000 hour lamp life and then requires a lamp replacement.
- Three different locations at SAC and SCC have been identified for prototyping. Besides the Casio lampless projectors, we will also be evaluating Extron and Global Cache switches. Our current switches are Crestron, which is not compatible with Utelogy.
- They will also be evaluating a product called Utelogy, which is cloud based software and open platform so it is not compatible with Crestron, which is a closed platform.
- Short Demonstration:
 - Windows 10: Lee provided a demonstration of the Windows 10 OS, which is a blending of the traditional looking Windows 7 and the tile format of Windows 8/8.1. Windows 10 is due to be released this summer. ITS has already started testing for compatibility with our existing applications, etc. Then it will be installed on selected machines and perhaps training rooms in order to prepare end users for the change.
 - Skype for Business (Lync): Lee provided a demonstration of Skype for Business. There is a tight integration between Outlook and Skype for Business. Lee showed a test video call with Jim from the Help Desk. There is also a feature to share your desktop for troubleshooting as well, which was shown. This can also be used for instructors to Skype with students with certain initial set-up done by the instructors. Additional discussion included the similarities and differences with CCC Confer, which is used by instructors with students.
- VDI Update
 - Phil shared that Phase 1, which was a virtual desktop assessment is complete. Phil has a copy of the report if anyone wants to review. Phase 2 was to take into account our current desktop environment and requirement in order to lay out a roadmap/recommendation as well as set-up pilot program in various locations at the campuses and district. This is expected to be done in June and the results of the testing should be available sometime in July.
- Ellucian Mobile Update
 - Lee shared that the newest release has been updated and the campus maps have also been loaded. The next phase will be testing after Stuart's return from leave (on May 11).
- Additional Discussion
 - Sergio inquired about a discussion of creating email addresses for students. The initial purpose would be in order to allow students to benefit from services such as Office 365 and cloud storage. This will be added to a future TAG agenda because there are many additional factors involved in this change.
 - Curt recommended possibly allowing the June meeting to also be available via Skype since some faculty will be out for the summer.

Action Items

Information Distributed

- Desktop Price Comparisons for Dell, Lenovo, and HP
- A/V Standards Update

Meeting Schedule Spring 2015

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room (DIST-114)

Thursday, June 18

Adjournment

Lee adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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