

University of Utah
Information Technology Council
Executive Committee
December 14, 2006

THE MINUTES

Attendees (Guests or Representatives):

Kenning Arlitsch, Ed Barbanell, Mark Bergstrom, Paul Brinkman, Paul Burrows, Thomas Cheatham, Dean Church, Tim Ebner, Julio Facelli, Tom Fuller, Carole Gassert, Chuck Hansen, Kay Harward, Steve Hess, Shane Hinckley, Dave Huth, Phil Johnson, Lisa Kuhn, Gary Levy, Jim Livingston, Wayne McCormack, Paula Millington, Joyce Mitchell, Lonnie Norton, Ken Nye, Joyce Ogburn, Larry Okun, Jim Parker, Rita Reusch, Antonio Serrato-Combe, Kevin Taylor, Chad Thurman, Jeff West, Mark Woodland, Joanne Yaffe, Dave Zemmels

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Wayne McCormack
- II. Minutes for October 19, 2006, were reviewed and approved.
- III. ITC Chair

Wayne McCormack has served as the Chairman of the ITC since August 2004. His service is especially appreciated as he has balanced the demands of the School of Law and other aspects of his busy life while serving in this capacity.

Joyce Mitchell, PhD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics, has accepted the responsibility of serving as Wayne's replacement. Joyce brings considerable credentials and experience to this position.

It is recommended that ITC offer a vote of thanks to Wayne McCormack for his service and to vote to ratify Joyce's acceptance of the chairmanship of ITC. ITC members approved the recommendations.

IV. iTunes U – Paul Burrows

The ability to create audio/video/multimedia files and distribute them over the Internet is often referred to as podcasting. It is also about consumers being able to play the audio, video, images and text that can be included in podcast files (podcatching). iTunes is targeted for University audiences and is called iTunes U. According to Apple Computer, iTunes U is specifically designed as a service for institutions to manage a broad range of audio, video and PDF content and is easily and quickly available to students, faculty, staff and alumni. Council members discussed access, oversight, dependability, training and cost of iTunes U and would like additional information presented at a future ITC meeting as investigation of the opportunity progresses. The need for a "gatekeeper" for the service and what campus entity would act as "gatekeeper" was a key concern. The Knowledge Management Committee will discuss this in their upcoming meetings. More information on the work being done regarding iTunes U by the Media on Demand committee is outlined under Tab 1.

This is an informational item. No action is required at this time.

V. Distance Learning and the University of Utah – Steve Hess for Wayne Peay

Several technologies are being used at the U of U for distance learning. For example, UOnline, WebCT, streamed video (for lectures and presentations), Telemedicine resources and non-credit online courses. What efforts should be centrally coordinated to facilitate the delivery of distance education resources? Council members discussed needs, usage, future technology needs, training

for faculty/staff and support needed by faculty to produce course work and bring it students. A survey was conducted by the Chemical Engineering Digital Classroom; students and faculty responses are included under Tab 2. Council members would like this topic presented, in conjunction with a WebCT presentation, at the next ITC meeting.

This is an information item. No action is required at this time.

VI. Research Networks Update – Steve Hess

The Impact of Information Technology on Higher Education

The University of Utah has increased its role and participation in research networks, Internet2 and NLR, providing services and bandwidth.

The Impact of Information Technology on Higher Education has been on the several ITC agendas during 2006 and a formal presentation showing the extent of influence of IT on Higher Education was presented to the council members. A copy of the presentation has been placed on the IT website for council members to review. The presentation can be viewed at <http://www.it.utah.edu/leadership/committees/ITC/papers/ITinHigherEd.ppt>.

This is an information item. No action is required at this time.

VII. President's Task Force on Media – Wayne McCormack

Wayne McCormack provided information regarding a task force that has been formed by President Young and on which he has been asked to serve. The purpose of the task force is outlined under Tab 4 for council members to review. The task force intends to integrate campus media and web-based organizations into one council and name it the Utah Student Media Council.

This is an information item. No action is required at this time.

VIII. Strategic Plan Progress Reports

Content Management
Distributed Antenna System
UMail
University Home Page

Due to time restraints these reports have been postponed to the next ITC meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2007
At 12:00 Noon in the Dumke Board Room of the Eccles Broadcast Center