

MINUTES
Information Technology Advisory Committee
September 29, 2009

Attendees: Bill Abplanalp, John Albano, Jeff Aspelmeier, Wendy Lowe, Steve Helm, Maung Htay, Danny Kemp, Randa McDonald, Ted McKosky, Jackie McNabb, Ed Oakes, Sean Ramsey, Lisa Ridpath, Rick Rogers, Rebecca Scheckler, Dennie Templeton, Brad Tilley

Absent: Amber Alcaraz, Joseph Beeler, Charley Cosmato, Patrick Critzer, Jerry Kopf

The Information Technology Advisory Committee was called to order by Ted McKosky, Chair, at 3:30 pm on September 29, 2009. Mr. McKosky asked for approval of the April 28, 2009 minutes. John Albano motioned to approve, Randa McDonald seconded, motion carried.

Rebecca Scheckler asked the Committee to consider providing some form of broadband access for faculty that can't get DSL and only have the option of a dial-up modem. Ed Oakes stated that perhaps we could provide a list of internet service providers on the Division of Information Technology website.

John Albano passed out a copy of the Administrative Rights policy and request form and asked for feedback from the Committee. Jeff Aspelmeier asked why the policy and form were necessary. John explained that an administrative rights policy is a requirement of VITA. He also stated that it is needed because someone with administrative rights could inadvertently download or install viruses, whereas if you don't have administrative rights that can't happen.

Jeff also asked why printing costs had increased in the labs. John explained that the amount that was charged previously for printing in the labs was not covering all of the costs. A comparison was done on what other schools were charging for printing and our costs were much lower. The cost increase was also to try to encourage people to consider printing less to support RU Sustainability efforts.

Dennie Templeton announced that he would be working full time as Director for Emergency Preparedness and Krista Terry would be managing Distance Education.

Ed Oakes reported that the campus will be moving from their current Centrex phones to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phones. Centrex phones were removed from residence hall rooms and hall phones were installed on each floor. Speakers were also installed on each floor so that emergency announcements would not only be sent to individuals cell phones but will also be heard over these speakers. The first business buildings to switch to VoIP phones will be Martin, Heth, Young, Whitt, Davis, Reed, Curie, McGuffey and Tyler Halls.

Ed stated that currently clean access is available on the wireless network and he would like to add it for VPN connections. He asked for feedback from the committee on how to best implement this. After discussion, Sean Ramsey made a motion to recommend that all computers (wireless, home computers, etc.) be required to run clean access if connecting to the university network. Dennie Templeton seconded, motion carried.

John Albano reported that his staff is currently testing encrypted computers and he would like to report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Dennie Templeton motioned to adjourn, Lisa Ridpath seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda W. Kipps