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## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE (SCIT)**

### **MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2001**

**10:00 - 11:30**

**300 MORRILL HALL**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Andy Lopez (chair), Steve Cawley, Bernard Gulachek, Jeff Johnson, Charlene Mason, Thomas McRoberts, John Miller, William Peterson, April Schwartz

**REGRETS:** Mark Bellcourt

#### **ABSENT:**

Stephen Downing, Jerry Flattum, Phil Goodrich, Gary Hallman, Linda Jorn, Robert McMaster, Haesun Park

### **1. INTERNET GUIDELINES POLICY**

John Miller distributed a packet of information about SCOUR, internet connectivity costs, and graphs of internet usage. After reviewing the information, the Committee determined that OIT should work with Ken Hanna to develop a statement on how to manage the university's bandwidth in times of high utilization. The Committee will consider that statement and, hopefully, endorse it. Once approved by SCIT the statement will be forwarded to the University Senate for action.

### **2. WEB PAGE DESIGN AND ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES**

This item was tabled due to Mark Bellcourt's absence.

### **3. PRIVACY POLICY**

Ken Hanna distributed information about the Proposed Web Page Privacy Policy and copies of the related section of the University's Financial Operations Policy web page. The policy is slated to take effect as of September 2001. OIT is the designated owner of the policy and as such has been meeting with various groups within the University to inform them about the policy and get feedback. OIT is recommending that all web pages link to an overall privacy policy, but departments whose web sites set cookies and collect information will need to read the policy carefully, and may need to rewrite parts of it to deal with their own specific circumstances.

Discussion and questions included:

- Will personal web sites be affected by the policy? No.
- What about chat rooms? It would be best to include the policy statement.
- What percentage of sites at the University are secure? OIT does not have that information.
- How many certificates are there? Unknown, as many people self-issue certificates.
- What about pages that are part of canned software, i.e. they cannot be altered and therefore a link to the policy could not be added? OIT will help address this, perhaps by issuing a disclaimer of some sort relating to

"vendor-supplied software".

#### **4. UPDATE ON VPN**

Bernie Gulachek reported on the status of VPN. There is a new Beta client available and there have been an average of ten sessions per day, with 35 different users per week. NTS is working with Cisco on problems with intermittent failures of the primary server, and hopes to have an answer this week. NTS will not accept the product until they are satisfied with its performance.

Discussion and questions included:

- Do people have to be in the Twin Cities, and how do they connect to it? It will work from anywhere in the world. Mr. Gulachek will email the URL to the Committee.
- Will VPN work if you're behind a firewall? Yes, there is a checkbox to indicate that the user is behind a firewall.
- Have the cable and DSL providers made any commitments to provide encrypted tunnels? OIT has not experienced any problems with the providers.
- Will the service be marketed? It will be publicized in the OIT Newsletter and other campus news channels. So far about 100 people have subscribed to AT&T Broadband. People need to have virus protection and must sign a Terms of Service Agreement.

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agenda for February 5th meeting:

- a. Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) - Linda Jorn
- b. Timelines for the PBX Upgrade - Louis Hammond
- c. Statement for the management of bandwidth- John Miller
- d. Disability Access - Mark Bellcourt
- e. Virus Protection - Phil Kachelmyer

Agenda for March 6th meeting:

Digital library report - Charlene Mason

With no further business, Professor Lopez thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting.

Mary Kosowski

University Senate