

Regents Information Technology Council (RITC) August 2008 Meeting Notes

Date: August 22, 2008

Attendees:

David Schmidt (FHSU), Jim Bingham (KU Med.), Lynn Carlin (KSU), James Lyall (KSU), Mike Erickson (ESU), Denise Stephens (KU), Gary Ott (WSU), Ravi Pendse (WSU), Michael Gunter (Washburn), Jerry Smith (PSU), Denise Moore (KITO), Cort Buffington (KanREN)

Note taker:

Mikaela Maschmeier (WSU)

Guests:

Cole Robison (Director, Statewide Web/IT Accessibility)
Chris Howe (Director, Division of Purchases)

Discussion Items:

- I. Introductions - *Pendse*
 - a. Mikaela Maschmeier, Administrative Officer at WSU, was assigned as note taker for the next year.
- II. Review June meeting minutes - *Pendse*
 - a. Stephens moved and Schmidt seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.
- III. Large Account Reseller contract discussion (SHI) – *Howe*
 - a. Present concerns revolve around not having enough vendors to accommodate excellent price quotes, and limited experience of university contracts with the current vendor.
 - b. Howe stated that the purchasing department will look to multiple vendors.
- IV. Statewide Web/IT Accessibility – *Robison*
 - a. Robison presented a Power Point on the current administrative role being played by the division. (See attachment)
- V. Network Updates - *Buffington*
 - a. Kan-ed
 - i. Kan-ed 2.0 design finalized week of 08/22/08.
 - b. KanREN
 - i. Dark Fiber: KU up as of 08/21/08.
 - ii. Currently having problems getting to K-State.
 - iii. Other issues include: fusion splicing and a rack and power issue.
 - iv. A 4-year contract with Kan-ed is currently with the legal team.
 - v. Completed agreement with and have begun to use Embarq.
 - vi. The Backbone PSU – FHSU is excellent with no jitter.
 - vii. Currently working with FHSU on disaster recovery issue.
 - viii. Having staffing challenges.

- ix. Currently undergoing a financial audit
- x. Looking at long-range planning based on regional and national issues
- xi. Blue Valley school district looking at a KanREN membership.
- xii. Will be visiting all universities to encourage community involvement.
- xiii. Building a business model within Kan-ed.

VI. KITO Update - *Moore*

- a. KanWIN infrastructure is getting an update. Currently at approximately 40% complete. Will be moving statehouse to new network August 10.
- b. Wichita off site data center in the works. Bids are going out for the connectivity. Most likely going to use Black Fiber.
- c. Project Management Methodology seminar to be coming to local communities. Rooms will be needed to hold approximately 20 people.
- d. The quarterly report is out.

VII. Meeting Location - *Pendse*

- a. Pendse asked if the committee would be willing to meet at other campuses one to two times per year.
- b. It was also brought to the committee if they would be willing to meet via video conference during the winter months.
- c. It was also discussed if the meetings could be moved to when the Regents would be meeting in Topeka to show visibility.

VIII. Institutional Updates

- a. KU – *Stephens*
 - i. Donna Liss and John Louis have left the university. Stephens announced that if any work was being done with them to contact the university and they will be following up.
- b. KUMC – *Bingham*
 - i. KUMC will be upgrading to PeopleSoft 8.9 October 15.
- c. FHSU – *Schmidt*
 - i. FHSU is currently looking at Pharos software for wireless printing for students.
 - ii. Schmidt asked if anyone was using a transaction server with Blackboard and C-Board?
 - iii. Currently working on a disaster recovery plan where the mainframe of the campus would be at WSU.
 - iv. Currently replacing Collegenet by doing the programming in house.
- d. PSU – *Smith*
 - i. Installed a new update to the student health program that allows students to fill in health information and schedule appointments online. They can then scan their ID card at the office and it uploads all information.
 - ii. DNS CIP installed.
 - iii. Have a new administrative server.
 - iv. Updated core router.
 - v. Looking for a library system replacement.

- e. K-State – *Lyall & Carlin*

- i. Dark fiber project having problems.
 - ii. Completed a campus-wide IT assessment.
 - iii. Zimbra will be the new campus e-mail host. The first phase will be complete by spring.
 - iv. Currently at go live stage of a new student information system.
- f. ESU – *Erickson*
 - i. Rave project is live; president has announce; had good response
 - ii. UPS replacement and generator is increasing power
 - iii. A contract for a research channel is being completed; currently a year in the making.
 - iv. Enrollment Management Systems for Banner Kickoff is 1/1/09; go live will be 8/1/09.
 - v. Currently working on a strategic plan for disaster recovery and business continuity.
- g. WSU – *Ott & Pendse*
 - i. Went live with Rave wireless and had many sign up.
 - ii. Rolled out a new voice messaging system with modular messaging.
 - iii. Currently moving all employees to Microsoft Exchange.
 - iv. Refreshing ERP hardware; moving away from SunSolaris to IBM.
 - v. Receiving support to talk up IT.
- h. Washburn – *Gunter*
 - i. Replace 25% of personal computers on campus.
 - ii. Currently replacing security camera system.
 - iii. Redesigning the Web site and deploying a new content manager.
 - iv. Emergency notification now includes calls/e-mails/text messages.
 - v. Merged with Kaw Area Technical College. Has a 1 GB connection. Became Disaster Recovery site for Washburn.
 - vi. Generator installation has been completed.
 - vii. In the process of upgrading the hardware for Banner.
 - viii. Enrollment Management will go live Fall 2009.

IX. Action Items for September 16 meeting

- a. Project Management Methodology refresh recommendations.
- b. FDA regulation on IS and Digital Signatures.
- c. Digital Preservation/Collaboration with the State Historical society.
- d. Kan-ed contract with RITC.
- e. Future of higher education and technology.
- f. Peer to peer collaboration.
- g. Begin discussion on larger scale collaboration and cooperation.
- h. Status update on network stabilization.