Regents Information Technology Council (RITC) January, 2009, Meeting Notes

<u>Date:</u> January 20, 2009
<u>Attendees:</u>

Gary Ott (WSU), Jim Bingham (KU Med.), Michael Gunter (Washburn), Jerry Smith (PSU), Dilawar Grewal (KU), Denise Moore (KITO), David Schmidt (FHSU), Mike Erickson (ESU), Brad Williams (BOR)

<u>Note taker:</u>

Gary Ott (WSU)

<u>Discussion Items:</u>

I.   Review November, 2008 meeting minutes
    a. Jim Bingham moved and Jerry Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried. Dilawar Grewal (KU) was added to the attendees.

II. IT Accessibility Board – committee member request – Gary Ott
    a. Gary Ott nominated Mike Erickson for this committee to represent the RITC. Jim Bingham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

III. CITO Report *Denise Moore*

    a. Eldon Rightmeier passed away – December 12, 2009. Eldon had several projects in the works including the upgrade of the KanWin network, FMS project network installs and several other network related projects.

    b. Support of the legislative session projects.
      i.   Over 285 data jacks provisioned.
      ii. 310 phones were provisioned.
      iii. Much of this work was completed in two days over the weekend.
      iv. Major effort required of several staff from BOT and legislative IT services.
      v.   We have tracked less than 10 trouble reports since Monday associated with this work.

    c. Electrical system enhancements are planned for the Topeka Offsite Data Center (TODC).

      i.   Provide additional electrical circuits to accommodate the installation of more hardware

      ii. Ability to run the air handling units on the emergency generator during extended power outages.

      iii. The enhancements will require that power to the data center and UPS equipment be turned off for a few hours to perform the cutover.

      iv. This means there will be no primary or emergency power to the data center for that period, making it necessary to turn off all equipment residing there.

      v.   A firm date has not been determined; however we are targeting February 22nd or March 1st - Sundays

      vi.   A preliminary email announcement was sent to the TODC tenants, and a follow-up notification will follow as soon as the date is more certain.

   d. The mainframe tape upgrade RFP has been awarded to Sirius, an IBM reseller.

      i. Installation of equipment is scheduled to begin in February, and data migration to the new technology will take place in months following.

   e. The FMS project

      i. Progressing on schedule, with the first pieces of the development and test infrastructure in place and operational.

   f. PeopleSoft configuration is underway and further software development will soon begin.

   g. The DISC finance group continues to work on a rate for WODC (Wichita) usage. As soon as final equipment details are known a rate will be forthcoming.

   h. The Kansas IT Security Council will be employing a single chair instead of the previous vice-chair arrangement. The CISO will chair (Larry Kettlewell) the Council going forward.

   i. Upcoming PM Training Opportunities
        i. Vendor Management February 3-5, 2009
        ii. PMM Certification beginning February 9th

   j.   3 year IT plan summary almost complete – will provide to legislature.

   k. JCIT meeting Wednesday morning to elect chair for this year. (McLeland)

IV. MHEC Hardware Committee Update – David Schmidt
   a. Hardware committee is working on several new laptops and tablets contracts for both purchase and lease options. The MHEC Hardware Committee decided to issue a broader RFP because Dell and others wanted more flexibility than the WSCA framework. The target date for issuing the RFP is February 18.
   b. MHEC is looking for additional Kansas representatives for committee assignments. Anyone interested should contact Grant Crawford at MHEC.

V. Network updates
   a. Kan-ed – *Williams*
      i.   Kan-ed 2.0 is up and running.
      ii.   Doubled number of connections in last two weeks.
      iii.   Kan-ed connection service request application needs to be completed asap.
      iv.   Kan-ed fully funded by Governor in FY 2010 budget proposed.
      v.   2.4 million E-rate approved.
      vi.   Working on Kan-REN to Kan-Win in Wichita for payroll process.
      vii. $280,000 grant to Kan-REN.
      viii.   Bill Gates Foundation - T1's for state libraries funding 50% with Kan-ed funding the additional 50%.
   b. KanWIN – *Moore*

           i. Currently working with the city of Wichita on easement for Wichita Data Center.

    c. KanREN – *Buffington*

VI. State Budget Reductions Campus IT Planning for FY 2010

    a. KU – Grewal
- i. Planning 3% budget reduction in FY-2009.
- ii. Planning 7% budget reduction in FY-2010.
- iii. Reorganization has eliminated 11 positions (7 had employees that were released).

    b. KU Medical Center – Jim Bingham
- i. Planning 3% or 5% budget reduction in FY-2009.
- ii. Planning 7% or 9% budget reduction in FY-2010.
- iii. All hiring has been frozen.
- iv. Currently have 5 open positions in IT.

    c. FHSU – David Schmidt
- i. Planning 7% budget reduction in FY-2010
- ii. All hiring has been frozen.
- iii. Considering hosting software for student labs to reduce license costs.
- iv. Currently has 1 programming position open.

    d. PSU – Jerry Smith
- i. Planning 3% budget reduction in FY-2009.
- ii. Planning 4% budget reduction in FY-2010.
- iii. Currently have 3 open positions.
- iv. Network infrastructure will suffer.
- v. Reviewing possible consolidation of some IT services.

    e. ESU – Mike Erickson
- i. Planning 3% budget reduction in FY-2009.
- ii. Planning 7% budget reduction in FY-2010.
- iii. Roy Gallup's position still open as searched failed.
- iv. Considering eliminating WIMBA to save $20k
- v. Looking for less expensive helpdesk software.
- vi. Considering charging departments for individual software licenses that have been paid by central IT.
- vii. Budget concerns for 1% unfunded state mandated salary increases.

VII. Institutional Updates

    a. KU – Grewal
- i. Major reorganization of IT staff and services.
- ii. Project to consolidate software licenses is proceeding. KU is creating contracts with the software vendors directly. All regents' institutions may be able to use these contracts.
- iii. KU is working with Apple, Dell and Microsoft on KU contracts that will include student purchases.

    b. WSU – *Ott*
- i. Banner 8 test environments planned for Spring break with production scheduled for Fall 2009.
- ii. Plan to move all campus IT support staff into central IT organization.
- iii. The MS Exchange project to eliminate departmental email servers continues.

      iv. WSU is planning to replace their access control system for the data center in Spring 2009.
- c. PSU – Smith
  - i. Looking into Google apps for students.
  - ii. Considering Google mail for faculty too but are concerned about e-discovery requirements.
  - iii. Kuali – considering this for PSU financial applications.
  - iv. Tegrity – installed and being tested.
- d. KSU –
- e. KUMC – *Bingham*
  - i. Acquiring ADOBE through SHI.
  - ii. Kan-REN membership categories are being reviewed for possible consolidation to fewer levels.
- f. ESU – Erickson
  - i. Banner 8.1, Luminis 4.2 are in TEST, go-live is scheduled for March 15.
  - ii. Banner Enrollment Management Services module is in planning phase; kickoff soon, go-live in September.
  - iii. Responding to / dealing with LPA Security review.
  - iv. Researching new options for Help Desk software (currently have Numara "Footprints").
  - v. Looking at alternatives to Wimba (online conferencing/teaching software) - doing an evaluation of Adobe "Connect Pro"
- g. FHSU – *Schmidt*
  - i. Working on the IT needs of their Cheyenne Bottoms new facility.
  - ii. Considering IBM Cloud Computing software that is available free to host software for student labs to reduce license costs.
- h. Washburn – Michael Gunter
  - i. Spring enrollment expected to be down 6 or 7%.
  - ii. Banner hardware is 7 to 8 years old.

VIII. The next meeting will be February 17, 2009 from 10 a.m. to noon. **This meeting will be conducted as a video conference meeting. Brad Williams will reserve a small room in Topeka for the folks that want to meet in Topeka.**