Annual Report
CCSU Information Technology Committee
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Principal Goals and Objectives for 2011-2012

- Solicit, evaluate and award money requested for software for 2012-2013
- Assess and develop plans for renovations to the multimedia technology in classrooms around campus.
- Address issues related to ConnSCU (CSU) dropping financial support for SAS and SPSS statistics packages
- Revise bylaws and develop committee "wheel" of recurring tasks.

Outcomes:

- In November, the ITC subcommittee on software requests received 33 requests for software and in January developed a prioritized list for review by the CIO and provost. At the April 13 meeting, it was announced that ITS had agreed to fund all maintenance upgrade and renewal requests totalling $70,819. No new software request was funded, but those unfunded new requests were forwarded to the provost for further consideration. ITS is negotiating with Adobe for a site license that will take care of all Adobe products (CS5, Photoshop, Acrobat, etc.) needed now and in the future throughout campus. They hope to have this in place by July 1, 2012. http://you.ccsu.edu/infotechcommittee/2012/04/22/2012-2013-software-requests/

- In October 2011, Lisa Washko announced that bond money to outfit 3 new multimedia classrooms was available. Based on surveys conducted by the ITC in 2011, two new stations were placed in Maria Sanford and one in Willard. ITS is experimenting with using LCD displays and streamlined stations without VCR and DVD players. At the April Meeting, Henry Rudzinski reported that a survey regarding multimedia classrooms generated the largest number of responses so far. Faculty concerns about multimedia classrooms were similar to years past: room lighting, screen placement, computing speed, and sound. A review of the classrooms has begun and volunteers were solicited to look at rooms across campus. ITC will follow up in May and forward recommendations to ITS and facilities for action. http://you.ccsu.edu/infotechcommittee/minutes/2011-2012-minutes/april-13-2012-2/

- In October, 2011, Lisa Washko announced that CSU (now ConnSCU) citing costs of $60,000 and primary usage by CCSU would no longer pay the licensing fees for the statistics package SAS. It was proposed that CCSU standardize on SPSS, an alternative software, starting in 2012. A survey of usage of SAS and SPSS by faculty was conducted; of the 94 faculty who responded to the survey, 37 indicated that they were actively using SPSS for classes and/or research. A separate survey of SPSS module usage was conducted and indicated the need for the following additional SPSS modules: AMOS, Exact Tests, MVA (Missing Values Analysis), and SEM (Structural Equation Modeling). Purchasing licenses for each of these modules would not be cost effective. For example, a license for AMOS which allows for unlimited campus use and access from home via our Remote Application Server is $13,000 this year and $12,000 each year for renewal. The survey indicated that just four faculty need AMOS for research and just two for classroom use. Given the cost of the extra modules and understanding the needs of the

faculty, a more cost effective alternative for research-related SPSS use was suggested. SPSS/IBM offers a single user license for faculty. This license contains all of the modules and costs only $250 per year. This license would need to be purchased by individual departments. IT will continue to use the CSU provided version of SPSS (which does not include the requested modules) in the classrooms and labs on campus. For those faculty who want to continue using SAS, there is an online version that is free for academic use but it is not clear that this will be sufficient for some users. It is also possible that faculty would be able to piggy-back on the ConnSCU network license for SAS which would reduce the costs considerably. ITC will continue to work on this issue. Thanks to Joe Farhat for working extensively with ITS on this issue.

- At the March 2, 2012 meeting, the proposed revisions to the ITC bylaws were approved. Changes were made to the representation, reducing the number of A&S reps and removing some of the restrictions on A&S representation that had caused some issues with elections in the past. The report was forwarded to the Senate Committee on Committees for their recommendation.
  Current bylaws here:
  http://you.ccsu.edu/infotechcommittee/itc-bylaws/
  Approved revision of the bylaws here:
  http://you.ccsu.edu/infotechcommittee/files/2012/02/ITC_Bylaws_Proposed-Revision_022712_CSL.pdf

Objectives for 2012-2013
- Solicit, evaluate and award money requested for software for 2013-2014
- Keep abreast of and have input into the ConnSCU process for a new Learning Management System (LMS)
- Assess and develop plans for renovations to the multimedia technology in classrooms around campus.
- Work with the online-course assessment committee to develop a plan for assessing online courses at CCSU as well as specific recommendations for technology solutions.
- Reassess the implementation and use of the announce-only campus email listserv.

Respectfully submitted,
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