

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC SENATE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS
Teleconference Minutes**

February 8, 2012

Attending: Joel Primack, Chair (UCSC), Felix Wu, Vice Chair (UCD), Sreenivas Jammalamadaka (UCSB), Anthony Joseph (UCB), Maurizio Forte (UCM), Paulo Chagas (UCR), Shahrokh Yadegari (UCSD), David Ernst (Associate Vice President and CIO, IR&C), Robert Anderson (Academic Senate Chair), Robert L. Powell (Academic Senate Vice Chair), Brenda Abrams (Policy Analyst)

I. Announcements

Chair Primack reported that the Academic Council is considering disbanding the committee. The members should discuss whether they agree or disagree with this. During the last meeting, Chair Primack shared that NSF was inviting proposals but following calls to NSF, the chair has learned that there is no new money for grants. A condominium approach will be used for the Shared Research Computing Project and there has been limited interest in this model. Chair Primack suggested that UC should be developing tools for cloud computing and asked whether UC needs its own cloud. Chair Primack described the Evo videoconference and the commercial version of the system, and the price of this will be a fraction of the cost of other systems.

Discussion: A member asked about getting access to the presentation from the UCB Associate Vice Chancellor and CIO Waggener that UCCC saw during its last meeting. The analyst will follow up.

II. Consent Calendar

Action: The minutes were approved.

III. Consultation with the Office of the President

- *David Ernst, VP & CIO, IR&C*

IR&C is undergoing a major reorganization driven by a couple of things. The Regents' resolution on common administrative systems and the common payroll system are two factors. There is also an effort to put in place a common shared technology framework. A set of recommendations for reorganizing was developed. There will be a project management, strategic planning initiative. It is useful to CIOs to have regular contact, sharing of ideas and input with a faculty group that is in the know and has a leadership role in computing and communications. Vice President Ernst suggests the committee could be streamlined perhaps or revisit its charge. There should be one or more regular faculty attendees at ITLC meetings.

The ShaRCS pilot is ending and the final report will be written. Some of the individuals involved in this project are working together to put together a proposal for shared research computing in service of the university going forward. The proposal will look at how to take advantage of excess computing capacity and the large capacity in terms of FTEs. Vice President Ernst will share the proposal with the committee for feedback. There are some computing and data storage requirements that UC would want to hold closely instead of outsourcing. Health care data or HIPPA protected data would not be outsourced.

Systemwide software licensing has been a high priority among the CIOs on ITLC. There is a focus on getting good deals on products that UC really cares about. ITLC has decided to test WebEx for a year to determine if it is a good deal. If WebEx is viable, UC would pursue a systemwide license for it.

Discussion: A multi-year DOE project designed to look at the cloud has just been completed. Chair Primack recommends that more faculty need access to expertise. Vice President Ernst will look into Evo. The UCB representative provided feedback on concerns about being locked into proprietary products like Adobe as a result of systemwide licensing. If the price increases in later years, UC will be forced to pay the higher costs. A member asked about instructional computing at other campuses. There are issues with centralization.

IV. Member Items: Major Campus or Systemwide Issues

There were no member items.

V. New Business

The Senate leadership has asked UCCC whether the committee should exist or be disbanded. The issues UCCC has dealt with would be discussed by other committees.

Discussion: The UCB representative is in favor of continuing the committee. The charter should be updated and revised, and the relationship between ITLC and UCCC should be strengthened and made more formally. There should be clarity about how UCCC can contribute to ITLC's decision making. It was suggested that the chair of ITLC could be an ex officio member of UCCC. A member noted that there are other committees that could address topics related to computing and communications, and that each campus has IT people working on campus-specific issues.

Vice Chair Powell commented that UCCC made a strong case against the ShaRCS project and Council reiterated this position to the president in person. Chair Primack indicated that the administrators need to consult with faculty early on in projects. Vice Chair Powell is not sure if ITLC should be referenced in a revised committee charge and Chair Primack will check with Executive Director Winnacker. UCCC should be a strong counter balance to the administrative bodies that deals with computing issues. A revised charter will be drafted in time for review at the committee's next meeting which is likely to be another videoconference.

Action: The UCD and UCB representatives and Chair Primack will work together to revise the committee charge.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:30

Minutes prepared by: Brenda Abrams

Attest: Joel Primack