FSCOT Minutes

The meeting came to order at 3:30 p.m., September 1, 2009 in Bluemont 16e

Attendance

Larry Weaver, Arts and Sciences
Michael Raine, Business Administration
Tweed Ross, Education (Chair)
Julia Keen, Engineering
Mark Stadtlander, Extension
Andrea Blair, General University
Chihyung OK, Human Ecology
E. Jameene Brooks-Kieffer, Library
Alysia Starkey, Technology & Aviation (Salina Campus)
Matt Ebert, Student Representative

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the August 18, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business

- Operations and Management Security Policy. There was a discussion of the draft Operations and Management Security Policy that will come before IRMC at the next meeting. It was generally approved by the committee with the following recommendations:
  - “Information Security Maintenance Manager” needs a more clear definition to insure the readers do not interpret it to mean a new position. Perhaps it could read, “This role may be filled by someone directly involved with the development, maintenance, and/or operation of the information system.”
  - .050.D3 should read, “...connected to the KSU network must have a host based firewall. In this way legacy machines which have no connection to the network and are maintained by departments to run specific applications could continue to function.
  - .050.D3. Should be worded so data backup and data security is appropriate to the level data involved. Meaningless data—for example old work tickets—probably don’t need backup or security.
  - 050.C and 060G. In looking at these two parts together it appears that every piece of papers must be copied and backed up. Is this what is meant?
K-State P2P File Sharing Policy. There was a discussion of the daft Peer-to-peer file sharing policy that will come before IRMC at the next meeting. It was generally approved by the committee with the following recommendations:

- Is there a legitimate educational purpose for Peer-2-peer (P2P) connections? If not, or if a rare instance, is there a better way to handle exceptions?
- Add clarity to the purpose of the policy. Is the purpose to block the use of P2P networking or the illegitimate use of P2P files sharing?
- Change to read “Use of Peer-to-Peer files sharing applications for the ....”
- Change to read, “...termination of employment and/or expulsion....”
- 060.E Is there something in this list we were trying to leave out. If not it might be better served if it just said K-State’s network.
- 070.B Change to read “...is responsible for notifying students about this policy at the beginning....”
- 080.A Change to read “...will maintain and publish a list of P2P....”
- 080.B Do not list examples because they become outdated quickly.

New Business

- Textbook Reporting. Tweed reviewed a little history of the issue of textbooks reporting and having lists of textbooks available for students in the line schedule or ISIS. Some years ago this issue came before FSCOT and while it has not be assigned to FSCOT this time, it is an issue, that while worthy has many details to be resolved to be effective for students.

- KSU vs. K-State. The issue of the KSU or K-State domain once again was discussed in the committee. Questions were asked about the problems that occurred with Zimbra mail Thursday, August 27th, and whether they were related to this issue. Tweed reported that it was not un-related; at the same time he had been assured that it was not a deliberate attempt to abrogate the agreement to maintain KSU as a domain for university electronic communications. Members of the committee expressed concerns that there seemed to be a lack of understanding of the difficulties that K-State domain name presented and there was not advantage in identifying Kansas State vs. Kentucky State. In a national and international area KSU as a domain is preferable to K hyphen State. It was also report that the decision had me made in Zimba for the default return domain to be K-State, but by going to options this could be changed to KSU. We believe this is also possible in KSOL but not in ISIS.

- Macintosh-Snow Leopard-Symantec-Trend Micro. Macintosh users wanted to know what the plan was to provide virus protection since neither Symantec nor Trend Micro would work with the just released OS 10.6 (Snow Leopard) for Macintosh.
Tweed reported the College of Education did not intend to deploy Snow Leopard for 4-6 weeks and recommended that other university Macintosh users do the same. However that will not resolve the issues surrounding new purchases of Macintoshes—either faculty or students—as the new OS will surely come installed and currently there is no acceptable anti-virus program supported by the university.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – September 15, 2009