

OIT Faculty Advisory Committee Notes

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Current Responsibilities and Organization (IT Consolidation Status)

Administrative IT Consolidation:

- IT units becoming a part of the Office of Information Technology through initial July 2009 consolidation (163 staff): Academic Affairs, AdCom, Graduate Division, NACS, Office of Research
- IT groups joining OIT during several subsequent 2010 phases (67 staff): Document and Delivery Management, Student Affairs (including Housing, Admissions, CFEP, Financial Aid, Registrar), University Advancement, Design and Construction Services, Parking, Athletics, Classroom Technology Support
- IT groups becoming OIT Affiliates: (11 staff): Communications, Institutional Research, ASUCI, Bookstore, Campus Recreation, Student Center, Disability Services
- OIT Staff count is now approximately 230
- Reporting changes complete; integration is well along but will be a long-term activity
- Current focuses include integration, application enhancement and development, and global priority setting (taking a campus perspective)

Academic Unit IT (including the Libraries and University Extension)

- Provost Gottfredson asked Dana Roode to coordinate a campus conversation this year about how the academic units could be served by (participate in) IT consolidation
- Academic Unit IT workgroup created to assist with the first step of this: identifying opportunities and scenarios
- Membership: School/unit computing directors John Clarke, Steve Carlyle, Jason Valdry, Patty Furukawa, and Adrian Petrisor; Assistant Dean Carol Jun, Professor Jim Meeker, OIT Director Allen Schiano, and CIO Dana Roode
- Group has collected input from School IT Directors, Assistant Deans, and Deans through written mechanisms and in-person interviews
- *Focus has been on identifying opportunities for sharing IT services – both met (leading to efficiencies in IT) and unmet (leading to overall efficiencies and other benefits)*

Observations

- Central services are very important (EEE, Email, Administrative software applications, etc.) and should be strengthened to minimize duplication in schools
- There are unique requirements in schools and dedicated staff are needed to field them
- There is a strong preference among the schools to have these staff locally located and reporting within the school
- *The goal is to allow dedicated school staff to focus on unique school requirements, and defer to central services for things that can be shared, to the extent possible*
- In addition to basic “shareability,” factors such as responsiveness and quality of service are major considerations in whether or not a school can rely on common services

Next Step

- Workgroup will finish in February and make its conclusions available for review in March. The OIT Faculty Advisory Committee will be a part of that review.