Operational IT Committee  
Meeting Notes  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 23, 2013  
FAC 228D

In Attendance: Brad Englert, Dan Slesnick, Deanna T Schexnayder, Esther Raizen, Gage Paine, Jerry Speitel, Kristi Fisher, Kathy Foster, Laurie Mackey, Mike Horn, Paul Newman, Rich Janes

Absent: David Laude, Bruce Porter, Pat Davis

UT System Executive Compliance Policy Review (Cam Beasley)  
The committee inquired if there were possible additional incentives that may be offered to motivate users to move their servers to the data center and to a virtual environment. It was noted that additional incentives may be offered. It was also noted that a facilities tax could be levered in the case of a mandate for the policy.

The committee noted that the current service offering may not meet the technical needs of some of the prospective users. ITS noted that the technical capacities could most likely be developed within a six month period. The committee noted that addressing technical concerns would go far in incentivizing prospective users to move to the data center and virtual systems.

The committee inquired if “low hanging fruit” could be identified and targeted at each unit. They noted a cooperative solution where focus was toward a smaller group of users that could easily move to the data center and into the virtual space would be preferable until technical capacities were augmented to support additional users and until more outreach could be completed.

Network Report Card - Update (William Green)  
The committee inquired if the current vendor had been reviewed for cost. The current vendor has undergone a cost review and will be reviewed again within two years to ensure that UT receives the most competitive price.

High Speed Network Roadmap - Endorse (William Green)  
The committee inquired if there were additional options in the pool for obtaining 100 GB. It was noted that there may be peering opportunities and that those opportunities were being actively explored. It was also noted that we need to develop our own plan and roadmap for the University.

The committee unanimously endorsed the high speed network roadmap. The roadmap will be readdressed in the fall of 2014.

Retirement of Web Space Communication Plan - Endorse (Dave Moss)  
Active users for Web Space are fewer than 1000 users. The committee inquired if these users would be communicated with directly. These users will be communicated with directly about the retirement of Webspace.

The committee unanimously endorsed the communication plan for the retirement of Webspace.
Shared Services Update and Input (Mary Knight, Heather Hanna)

Town Halls to gather community input on the Shared Services project are currently underway. Notifications for these meetings have gone out to the campus.

The committee noted that when the changes actually hit the departments should coincide with down times for the departments. They expect a more complete overview in December when the Town Halls are complete.