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Members Present:                      O. Benavides (Chair), B. Auernheimer, M. Bach,  
R. Boes, J. Cagle, L. Harding, K. Moffitt, P. Newell,  
R. Parker, S. Seepersad.

Members Absent:                      R. Amarasinghe, D. Martin, L. Newlander, D. Nef,  
E. Nelson, C. Won.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Otto Benavides at 1:10 p.m. in the Education Building room # 316.

1. Minutes.      MSC to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2009.
2. Agenda.      MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

P. Newell asked about Shibboleth. R. Boes said that it is pending. There is a phase project approach. We are in Phase I and are expected to complete by June of this year. [n.b.: The Shibboleth System is a standards based, open source software package for web single sign-on across or within organizational boundaries. It allows sites to make informed authorization decisions for individual access of protected online resources in a privacy-preserving manner.]

Chair O. Benavides gave a keynote presentation at the International Council for Education Media's 4th Symposium of Education and Values. The audience was 10,000. There was a webcast reaching 40,000 people. His presentation was entitled, "Innovation, Technology and Human Development." [<http://education.csufresno.edu/icem>]

4. Campus Email.

R. Boes reported on Zimbra, the new email system. IETCC ratified the decision. The contracts have been signed. The cost was the chief driver of the selection. [<http://www.zimbra.com/>] R. Boes discussed adoption and the barriers to adoption. IMAP users will have no trouble. Some individuals use a POP for email reading. The other issue is the look and feel of the new email reader online. He responded to various questions about the software and about the implementation. There will be a period of overlap between the old and new systems (e.g., launch Zimbra by August and keep Meeting Making until Christmas).

J. Michael or R. Boes can add anyone to the test pilot group.

5. Minitab.

L. Harding reported that the site license has increased to \$5000. Is it worth continuing Minitab? An initial inquiry suggested that we could discontinue it without disrupting instruction. She will send out a notice to faculty that Minitab will be discontinued.

6. (APM 206) Interim Policies and Procedures on Technology Mediated Courses.

This policy proposed revision was posted for review by the AIT Committee:

[http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6\\_6c5zv8gg5&invite=kntj74](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6_6c5zv8gg5&invite=kntj74)

The committee discussed the scope of the policy. The documents currently online at Google Docs are:

[http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6\\_6c5zv8gg5](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6_6c5zv8gg5)  
[http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6\\_8tmbxhrck&hl=en](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcw839r6_8tmbxhrck&hl=en)

J. Cagle (conferring with S. Seepersad and B. Auernheimer) presented two revisions for the policy. These were discussed and revised.

7. Campus Computer Labs.

B. Auernheimer reported on an idea for an “open source teaching/learning collaboratory.”

[See <https://eng.ucmerced.edu/soe/infoabout/leadership/infra-pln-mgmt/opn-src-coll/> for example.]

The committee discussed the nature and purposes of a laboratory in a university today. Various configurations were discussed.

MSC to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Information Technology Committee (AIT) will be on Monday, 27 April 2009. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.