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Members Present: O. Benavides (Chair), J. Cagle, B. Auernheimer,
K. Moffitt, D. Martin, R. Parker, M. Bach, D. Nef,
R. Boes, R. Amarasinghe.

Members Absent: L. Newlander (excused), P. Newell (excused),
L. Harding (excused), S. Seepersad (excused),
E. Nelson (excused), C. Won (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Otto Benavides at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Building room # 316.

1. Minutes. MSC to postpone the approval of the Minutes of 5/5/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Learning Management Systems and Digital Campus Information Updates
- B. Auernheimer.

B. Auernheimer reported that over 3000 classes are in Blackboard. We have over 21,000 students in the system enrolled in over 80,000 student seats in classes. Work with podcasting continues. Faculty are being encouraged to use Blackboard's streaming video facilities. We are having a monthly meeting with Apple about iTunes U and its accessibility.

Learning Management Systems (LMS) update: There are rumors about having a single LMS system. Campuses can contract with the best provider for them. A new Request for Proposal (RFP) is coming out with stringent accessibility requirements. By end of spring 08-09, each campus should have a vision of where it wants to go next in LMS. [It takes about a year to transition to a new LMS system—i.e., should a campus select a different LMS.]

We are going to provide a Moodle server for pilot projects.

6. Information Technology Services (ITS) Updates (Calendaring, e-mail, new phone - system, wireless coverage) - R. Boes.

R. Boes described discussions regarding new systemwide policies coming down the hierarchy, e.g., university risk, firewalls, desktop protection, etc. Senior Technology Leadership Team (STLT) feels it is time to improve college and department accountability to institution for following systemwide and campus policies. We're taking steps to improve authorized vulnerability scans needed to protect security.

Calendaring and email RFP has been delayed because of the number of major moves on campus (e.g., administration, library, etc.) Current plan is to stagger implementation during the Spring semester.

The new phone system RFP has gone forward and we are now evaluating vendor presentations, after which we expect to make a decision on whom to move forward with.

Wireless coverage has now deployed 450 access points. 112 remain in the inventory; 103 scheduled for deployment in this phase. These remaining access points involve stringing new wire. This phase will take about four months, providing ubiquitous coverage in state buildings.

7. Overhead Projectors vs. Document Cameras – Demo.

Chair O. Benavides presented a problem associated with the logistics of the document cameras' placement in a classroom. L. Newlander showed a workstation providing one solution to this problem.

8. Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) Update – Chair O. Benavides.

Chair O. Benavides reported on ATAC's discussion of acceptable use policies around the system and attempt to promulgate a policy.

9. Old Business.

None.

10. New Business.

Chair O. Benavides asked about the time for the meetings. The Academic Information Technology (AIT) Committee decided to keep the meetings from 1-2:30 approximately every other Monday.

MSC To adjourn at 2:05 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Information Technology Committee (AIT) will be October 8, 2008. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.