

University Information Technology Committee
Minutes
Monday, 2-28-2022
9:30 a.m.

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Present: Raymond Issa, Amanda Phalin, Juan Nino, Bill Hamilton, Laurie Bialosky, Megan Leroy, Ryan Yang, Charley Widmer, Mark McCallister, Kevin MacPherson, Randell Doty, Stacey Ewing, Rafael Munoz-Carpena, Frank Bova, Amber Emanuel, Michael Bumbach, Nico Cellinese, Alex Fox-Alvarez.

- 1. Call to order & Introductions** – Raymond Issa, Chair, University Information Technology Committee
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:30a.m. by Raymond Issa, University IT Committee Chair.

- 2. Approval of 31 January 2022 Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.

- 3. Administrative Liaison Report** – Mark McCallister, Director of Academic Technology
 - Director McCallister provided the following updates:
 - WiFi & fiber integration is taking place between UF and the Scripps Florida campus.
 - There is a Provost’s Office Student Success initiative:
(<https://studentsuccess.ufl.edu>)
Assistant Provost and Director Cheryl Gator is the lead contact.
 - Student Technology Fee information can be viewed at:
(<https://it.ufl.edu/community/technology-fee/>)
 - Two staff members new to leadership positions in UFIT were introduced:
 - Rodney Gammons, Assistant Director, Instructional Design, UFIT Center for Instructional Technology & Training and
 - Dr. Heather Maness, Assistant Director, Learning Analytics & Assessment, UFIT Center for Instructional Technology & Training
 - Committee inquiries were also address:
 - Media reports of potential increases in cyber-attacks due to the war in Ukraine are being addressed by UF with appropriate precautions. UFIT is proceeding with its data safe-keeping standards.
 - From UFIT’s perspective, Scripps faculty are being onboarded as a college/unit

and they now have IT staff support to assist them.

- Course fees are not integrated with technology fees and each has its own, separate legislative component. A committee evaluates proposals for academic innovation grant funding, as defined by UFIT and spelled out on its [webpage](#).

- Honor Lock is facilitated by the Provost's Office, including the Office of Teaching & Technology (TNT)'s Associate Provost for Teaching & Technology Andy McCullough and Office of Distance Learning (ODL) Director Brian Marchman, both of whom have regular and ongoing conversations with UFIT leadership regarding strategies. From an IT perspective, Honor Lock is an application and a product, as opposed to a university infrastructure item.

4. Other Business

- The committee discussed the concerns raised by some Health Science Center (HSC) faculty pertaining to the differences in the level of UFIT service and accessibility between HSC spaces and main campus.

- Many HSC faculty are unhappy with the annual costs charged for desktops and laptops needed for personnel who fall under the clinical umbrella.

- The special needs, many specific to patient confidentiality measures, are translating to expenses which may be more costly for HSC departments than for main campus faculty/counterparts.

- Annual per laptop charges are approximately \$400/year, with desktop costs being approximately \$700/year. These can be prohibitive costs for basic science departments since they are typically not revenue-generating like clinics and clinical departments are.

- During committee discussion, speculation was made that departments fund these items internally, or possibly via a fee for service arrangement set by academic units.

- Some HSC committee members also expressed concern that specialized IT support needs (often for complex and confidential research and clinical projects) need to be better met to decrease faculty worries about data and project security. As IT becomes more complicated, faculty are concerned about such increasing fragmentation.

- Restricted printers also pose an issue as HSC IT does not provide support for equipment older than five years.

- Committee administrative liaisons addressed an inquiry pertaining to HSC Infrastructure and risk assessment, and stated that they will reach out to Gigi Lipori, who serves as the UF Health Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, is the UF HSC CIO, and is the UF Health Shands Chief Data Officer, about these issues. Any updates will be shared with this committee.

- Next month, a HiPerGator and HiPerGator AI update will be provided by Erik Deumens, Director of UF Information Technology Research Computing and scientist in the Department of Chemistry and Department of Physics, and he may

be able to speak to some of the HSC-related issues.

5. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.