

University Information Technology Committee
Minutes
Monday, 9-19-2022
9:30 a.m.

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Present: Ray Issa, Frank Bova, Aitor Gallastegui, Paul Wassel, Charley Widmer, Herbert Lowe, Mark McCallister, Randell Doty, Ryan Yang, Stacey Ewing, Nico Cellinese, Alyssa Tavormina, Kevin MacPherson, Laurie Bialosky, Amanda Phalin, Darius D. Brown, William Hamilton, Michael Bumbach, and Bojan Lazarevic.

1. Call to order & Introductions – Raymond Issa, Chair, University Information Technology Committee

- The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Raymond Issa, Chair.

2. Approval of 25 April 2022 Minutes

- The minutes of the 25 April 2022 meeting were approved unanimously without amendments.

3. Administrative Liaison Report – Mark McCallister, Director of Academic Technology

- New scheduled events including training for HyperGator and the AI Research Initiative will be announced shortly.
- Rolling out operational AI including a grant from the Career Connection Center to analyze student resumes read by potential AI employers.
- Rolled out a new AI Chat Bot on the UF Website and in the process of training the Bot.
- Mark McCallisters' group is asking for additional topics that should be addressed to support the AI initiative.
- OLAF 2.0 authentication change in Outlook E-Mail app that allows authentication and encryption is replacing the old authentication method. Gmail may work with the new OLAF 2.0 but it is not recommended at this time. If there is a desire to pursue this topic, please contact Mark McCallister.
- Frank Bova raised the issue that only about half of the Health Science Center faculty received an email that was distributed regarding the need

to reinstall the mail app on iPhones and Androids to be compatible with OLAF 2.0. A fuller distribution of this information is needed throughout the HSC. Mark McCallister will explore this issue promptly.

- An event is planned to introduce Testploration in November as a part of Education Technology for faculty.
- Empowering UF project is conducting a readiness assessment. See Empowering.ufl.edu for news items.
- A committee member raised the issue regarding the need to change the GatorLink password every six months even though we have Two Factor Authentication (2FA). This issue is currently being addressed for all users except for system administrators. This is a compliance issue with state regulations. Also, some computer systems are not using GatorLink and do not have 2FA and these systems will need to continue to use a higher security approach. An update on this topic and a timeline will be presented by Mark McCallister at the next meeting.
- A committee member asked about Google Suite being eliminated. This is not true but there have been changes in amount of free storage and these limitations may have prompted the concern about Google Suite
- A committee member had a question regarding Zoom Events for large group meetings and if this is available. Mark will look into this topic as well.
- Committee member Frank Bova has been organizing a subcommittee of the UF IT Committee composed of representatives of the six Health Science Center Colleges to address various topics of concern with HSC support under the direction of Gigi Lipori. Such topics as improving communication, user access to make configuration changes on desktop/laptop computers, etc. would be addressed in this subcommittee meeting and they would meet with Gigi to discuss these concerns. Amanda Phalin, Faculty Senate Chair, emphasized that the UF IT Committee would need to be updated by the subcommittee to keep all members informed on these issues at the HSC so that committee processes will be maintained.
- Amanda Phalin, Faculty Senate Chair, welcomed the committee and offered to be available via email to discuss issues of importance to the UF community from an IT perspective or any other issues that may need attention this year. One issue that was identified as high importance was the legal issues surrounding HonorLock. The Board of Governors (BOG) has interpreted that UF cannot use HonorLock anymore, but the ruling by UF legal counsel has been different than the BOG interpretation. This topic will be further explored at multiple levels at UF including multiple

committees and the administration as we explore ways to maintain academic integrity.

4. Areas of Emphasis for AY2023

- Other applications that are similar to Microsoft Teams are being used but are not approved. This topic was scheduled for another meeting.
- Scheduling a Zoom meeting using MS Outlook will send some people to MS Teams rather than Zoom. It may be a client configuration issue. This will be explored by Mark McCallister with IT staff and a response will be sent out to committee members and IT staff.
- On the MyUFL page, you cannot add to MyFavorites. This feature has been disabled due to the potential to lock the browser window.
- A committee member identified concerns regarding how faculty received information regarding long-range classroom plans or Canvas upgrades or other technological integration. Many times, these changes are in place before the faculty are informed and there needs to be a better communication to inform faculty. FlipGrid was an example.
- Another issue that was identified was the multiple logons required with pushes. The duo client has a checkbox to “remember me for 10 hours” and keeps the cookie with the browser. However, if you close the browser you lose the cookie. Some applications use Active Directory vs website authentication such as VPN and would not keep the cookie. Also, if the client browser does not keep cookies as a security selection, this would not work to keep the user’s authentication since the cookie would not be stored.

5. Other Business

- None.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am by unanimous consent.

*Minutes Submitted by University Information Technology Committee
Member Charley Widmer*