

ITA Meeting – September 4, 2008 – 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Meeting called by:	Carolyn Ellis	Type of Meeting:	ITA
Facilitator:	Carolyn Ellis	Note taker:	Carla Gomez
Timekeeper:	Carolyn Ellis		

Attendees:

John Chismar, Galen Raether, Matthew Marr, Lance Pritchard, Linda Dunn, Jose Rodriguez, Brent League, Bryan Wilson, Lee Gildon, Laine Lee, Stuart Foote, Jaime Safstrom, Anthony Espinoza, Stan Killian, George Constantinides, George Jeffery, Luis De Luna, Marisol Johnson, Randy Todd, Art Pagano

Minutes

<u>Agenda Item 1:</u>	New OIT Web site	Presenter:	Carolyn Ellis
Discussion:	New organization of information		

Highlights:

- New look and feel
- New navigational structure
- Working towards 508 standards
- ITA Page includes tools for advanced technical users
- Contact Carolyn for suggestions

Q&A or Comments:

- Suggested a “contact an ITA” page/section
- How does an ITA send update information for the Web site?
 - Contact Carolyn Ellis directly

<u>Agenda Item 2:</u>	Virtualization of UNIX Servers	Presenter:	John Grafton
Discussion:	Saving energy and space		

Highlights:

- UTSA was reaching ceiling for space on the servers
- Virtualization offered a positive solution for cooling and space
- Solaris 10 is run by the UNIX team – it came with virtualization
- SUN offered a chip that allowed 4 threads per core
- System that runs 30 zones
 - Lonestar was migrated to a zone (saved a lot of power and space)
- On September 28, OIT is moving half a ton of equipment to smaller area
- Running SUN T2000 and T1000
- Virtualization will condense applications on campus significantly

Q&A or Comments:

- Do you have any numbers to report?
 - 30,000 BTU hours and 2 ½ tons of cooling, a significant reduction
- Are there any plans for virtualization of Windows servers?
 - Currently working on that right now. OIT has the hardware, and the change will incur no additional cost to the university. We would recover the maintenance cost in the long run.
- Positioning the data center to accommodate growth.
- Why were the T1000 and T2000 chosen?

- Primarily because of price – got more per dollar than from other systems. SUN blades have the speed versus other systems. It will also be easy to move to other systems.

Announcements:

1. Check out the new OIT Web site at <http://www.utsa.edu/oit>
2. Password expiration date extended to 180 days
 - Remember to change your password online at the IDM site (<https://idm.utsa.edu/idm/user/>).
 - OIT is still working on improving the system.
 - A recommendation was made to change the password requirements to include more characters: This change is easy to do on the technical side, but consideration must be made on the users experience aspect. It would be a political decision.
3. E-mail Expansion project to 500MB.
 - Noted that UTHSCSA only offers 25 MB of e-mail space and UT Austin only offers 200 MB of space.
4. IMAP in Beta testing
 - Brent League gave out a handout of IMAP Configuration.
 - More information will be posted on the Web site when IMAP is launched to the public.
 - Faculty members request IMAP.
 - IMAP is for internal and external use.
5. Portal project on hold
 - Shashi Pinheiro promoted and the Project Manager position has not been filled.

Q&A:

- How has the new semester gone so far?
 - Student Computing labs have seen reduced lines; some students still facing problems with expired accounts or password set up.
- Set up your MessageOne profile at <https://ems.messageone.com>
 - Low registrations numbers for MessageOne.
 - Encourage your faculty and staff to register.
 - MessageOne link added to the email.utsa.edu page
- Who's managing the ePO?
 - McAfee scan and issues regarding the scans will be discussed in a meeting soon.

Next Meeting

Date: October 2, 2008

Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Location: TBD