INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT FORUM (ITMF)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2007
GA. CENTER ROOM R
1:30-3:00

Present: Sue Achtemeier, Chris Adcock, Greg Ashley, Matt Blankenship, Sharon Burch, Bill Clayton, Lee Cornell, David Crouch, Mike Dennis, Bert Desimone, Corey Doster, Stan Gatewood, James Gilstrap, Brad Hunt, Steve Kane, Paul Keck, Will Laney, Juan Machado, David Matthews-Morgan, Tammy McGarity, Tim Peacock, Wayne Peacock, Jeff Pentz, Cletus Stripling, Sharon Thelen, Gregory Topp, Carol Watson, Barbara White, and Chris Wilkins.

Absent: John Anderson, Mark Cherry, Shefali Dhar, Mark Ellenberg, Debbie Ellerson, Judy James, David Knox, Christine Miller, Jerry NeSmith, Teresa Payne, Nathan Pettigrew, Barry Robinson.

Also Absent: Brenda Elliott (Recording Secretary)

Approval of Minutes:
Matt Blankenship called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending since the normal February meeting scheduled for February 1st was canceled due to weather conditions and since we didn’t have a meeting in January. He stated that he felt it was important for Dr. White to give us an update from the CIO office and information in light of the recent security incident at the Disability Resource Center. There was no discussion, deletions or additions so the minutes were approved. The next regularly scheduled meeting will still be held on March 1st.

Matt welcomed David Crouch from Undergraduate Admissions as the only visitor to the meeting. David joined the office in December after previously being employed with CITP. Matt received a nomination to designate David as a voting member of ITMF. Cletus Stripling indicated that the Bylaws recommend two voting members from the Vice President of Instruction area. Shefali Dhar is one representative and the other position has been vacant. Matt made a motion which was seconded and unanimously agreed upon by those in attendance.

Agenda:
Matt mentioned that he wanted to add an item to the Agenda regarding Exception Accounts and recommended that they be discussed during the IT Security Committee discussion.

Featured speakers/Discussion:
Libraries Unit Presentation:
Bill Clayton and Tim Peacock provided an overview of the University Libraries. Bill focused on the Facilities, holdings and overall aspects of the Library while Tim provided an update pertaining to the IT Staffing and Organizational structure. Bill shared numbers such as the fact that the Libraries are home to over 4.2 million volumes with a materials budget of 8.8 million for FY06. He indicated an increase in the electronic holdings. They employ 65 Librarians and 185 classified staff members. Tim shared that the Libraries employs 18 IT positions divided into four groups.
The “Network Operations and Computer Support Group” is responsible for 378 staff workstations, 197 public access workstations and 31 instructional lab workstations. Two groups provide development and support for the statewide GALILEO and GIL systems.

The Library currently has 12 wintel servers that serve various purposes, and 25 Sun servers with about 65 TB of disk array storage for the Galileo project.

More information about the Libraries can be obtained by visiting their web site at http://www.libs.uga.edu/.

Office of the CIO:
Dr. White shared some slides from a presentation on Transforming IT. A variation of the presentation can be found at http://www.eits.uga.edu/cioIO/presPapers/TransformingIT.ppt. She indicated there had been several changes over the last several months in terms of alignment. Steve Kane has joined the organization as Interim Associate CIO for Application Development and Integration. She also mentioned that Rory Weaver who she worked with at Utah State has joined the organization as a project planner. David Matthews-Morgan and Jerry Nesmith are co-directing the Research Computing Center.

There are many drivers for transforming IT such as the institutional goal of becoming a top 15 public institution by 2010, SACS Accreditation, and the USG Chancellor expectations. She stated that UGA needed to develop a Master Plan for IT driven by System Goals and Accountability. A sustainable funding model also needs to be developed. Dr. White stressed the importance of such groups as ITMF and UGANET along with the IT Advisory Council in accomplishing these goals.

Discussion followed pertaining to the Security Breach that occurred at the Disability Resource Center. Several members indicated that they felt more information should have been shared. Dr. White indicated that the circumstances surrounding the event could not really be discussed to protect the individual’s right to privacy. It was also gleaned that more was involved that just what was printed in the newspaper. Everyone was in agreement that more needed to be done in terms of educating the user community concerning the seriousness of security and safeguarding sensitive data.

There was not enough time to complete the agenda therefore the remaining items were postponed until the next meeting.

Matt called for the meeting to adjourn.