INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT FORUM
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2006
GEORGIA CENTER, ROOM Y/Z
1:30 -3:00 PM

Present: Sue Achtemeier, Chris Adcock, Greg Ashley, Matt Blankenship, Bill Clayton, Mike Dennis, Debbie Ellerson, Alan Ferrenberg, Sandi Glass, Marcus Henderson, Brad Hunt, Paul Keck, Lynn Latimer, Jim Mecca, Christine Miller, Jerry NeSmith, Wayne Peacock, Barry Robinson, Cletus Stripling, Jeff Teasley, Greg Topp, Carol Watson, Barbara White, Chris Wilkins and Chris Workman.

Absent: John Anderson, Sharon Burch, Mike Campbell, Mark Cherry, JoEllen Childers, Lee Cornell, Bert DeSimone, Corey Doster, Mark Ellenberg, Sarah Fraker, Stan Gatewood, Robert Howard, Stuart Ivy, Judy James, David Knox, Will Laney, David Matthews-Morgan, Tammy McGarity, Eric McRae, Teresa Payne, Jeff Pentz, Cheryl Prichard, Sharon Thelen and Dale Wetzelberger.

Approval of Minutes – The group approved the minutes for the June ITMF meeting.

Vice-chair Introduction – Matt Blankenship introduced Cletus Stripling as the new Vice-chair replacing Dan Murphy. Cletus informed the group that his email address is cletus@uga.edu, and that he will be continuing work on some of the initiatives Dan had started work on including addressing membership gaps and Web site updates.

Student Technology Awareness Campaign Update – Alan Ferrenberg gave an update on the Student Technology sticker awareness campaign by informing the group that the Student Technology Fee stickers are currently being applied by property control to all student tech fee funded inventory. According to Alan, there are roughly 9,000 pieces of equipment funded by the student tech fee since 1997. The goal is to attempt to have all of these pieces of equipment retroactively “stickered.” He asked the group for help in this capacity.

Alan also noted that posters are now displayed at several bus stops on campus, and that the graphics set is available for download at the student tech fee Web site (http://techfee.uga.edu). This graphics set is to be used in computer labs and in standard signage around campus. The goal is to have everything identified as supported by the student tech fee before the students return in the fall.

Introduction of Terry College guest – Brad Hunt introduced Jim Mecca as a new employee of the Terry College of Business. Mecca comes from Lockheed Martin and joins the Terry College as an applications and infrastructure manager. According to Brad, Mecca has a “solid security” background.

Networked Device Password Policy Discussion – Because of recent discussion via UGANet and information that the UGA Controller has a preference for UGA logins to personal information only, the group members decided to discuss the current UGA Networked Device Password
Policy (http://www.infosec.uga.edu/policies/documents/UGA_Password_Policy_v3.8.3.pdf). It was decided, with reference to the policy vetting process detailed at the Infosec Web page (http://www.infosec.uga.edu/policymanagement/index.php), that the results of the discussion would be taken, along with the minutes, to the IT Security Advisory Committee who would modify as needed and forward the discussion on to the IT Advisory Council. The general discussion solidified the following information for discussion at the IT Security Advisory Committee:

- The password policy, section 3.3 specifically, as it is written now, is unenforceable (despite its clearing UGA Legal division) because it mandates that users should not do something they are being required to do, i.e. use one password for multiple systems. MyID is in direct contradiction with this mandate as it does exactly that.

- Is it reasonable to mandate what users do on their home computers, i.e. require that they not use the same password for non-UGA accounts that they use for UGA accounts? Is legally enforceable?

- Should this particular verbage be deemed “best practice” instead of mandated and, if so, should it be included in the policy at all?

- What is the recourse, and how does one control, violators and violations of this policy?

- Should there be a reinforcement of stronger password usage and a loosening on aging passwords as they relate to this policy?

- Should there be an education/awareness campaign to follow up whatever decision is made surrounding this policy discussion/change? Should users be made aware at the outset what the ramifications of the violations will be?

- The password discussion has been prompted by the business divisions on campus who hope to hear some recommendations fairly quickly. Dr. White had hoped to have recommendations to them before the next EMT meeting in July.

- There are other considerations when discussing a change and enforcement of policy, i.e. how are changes maintained, what is the timeline, is there a budget consideration, etc.

- Is it reasonable to assume that their will be random monitoring to identify violators? Or do we remove violators from the network?

- How do we craft a policy that is enforceable and practical?

- Should there be a tiered approach on a need-to-know basis or separate passwords for sensitive data?

- How does this topic integrate with ID Management initiative?

A vote was taken and it was decided that ITMF was finished discussing this topic and their recommendations would be forwarded on to the IT Security Advisory Committee for discussion.
Vet School Vignette – Matt Blankenship gave the first presentation of member colleges with his Vet School Vignette. (See Attachment I). These presentations are intended to detail what each college and unit doing in IT, how they are structured, what challenges they face and what their infrastructure looks like. This led to a discussion of staffing models on campus and whether or not some of these staffing examples (retain and reward, etc.) should be discussed and perhaps presented at a later date.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.