Present: Lillie F. Bell, Roni Biscoe, Billie Bitowski, Cody Bourque, Virginia Brossett (for Daphne Sampite), Tracy Brown, Joe Campbell, Sonny Carter (for Gail Kwak), Donnie Choate, Joe Campbell, Cecil Knotts, Jennifer Long Martin, Lauren Michel, Hedy Pinkerton, Helaine Razovsky, Rick Tarver

Chair Tracy Brown called the meeting to order at 3:40. Cody Bourque moved to approve the minutes of the electronic meeting of Oct. 20, 2008. Rick Tarver seconded. Motion was carried.

Tracy Brown introduced Donnie Choate to present an update on Banner migration. Information Systems is working on populating the Banner test system with data so that it can be tested early in 2009. Administrative personnel in some offices are undergoing training; those personnel are identifying necessary priority changes. Information Systems (IS) hopes that the Banner system will go live with finances on July 1, 2010 and for students Spring semester 2010. Luminis may be adopted as a portal for students, replacing MyNSU. Those interested in getting a glimpse of it can check the McNeese State University website.

Tracy Brown then provided a Technical Services update. Technical Services is discussing with Dell the possibility of having the company build computers with configurations tailored for individual departments and offices. This change would free personnel in IS for other tasks.

Because the server room in Roy Hall is becoming cramped, Technical Services is working on virtualization and consolidation of hardware. Virtualization makes disaster recovery easier because it requires identical software, but not identical hardware. In addition, virtualization will require less physical space for servers and save money on cooling bills. Eventually, virtualization may make possible a disaster recovery site off campus.

On November 22, 2008, equipment for the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) will arrive on campus; LONI will more than double bandwidth on campus at a quarter of the cost. Eventually students on Blackboard could have their own dedicated line. Cody Bourque asked when that would be possible; Tracy Brown said it could happen Spring or Fall semester 2009.

IS has received approval to replace every wireless access point on campus, which will produce better range as well as make possible remote management of the system. In addition, IS is introducing wireless access for university guests.

Finally, Technical Services is moving toward support of Apple/Mac platforms; a representative from Apple will be on campus Dec. 9.

During discussion, Lauren Michel asked if students would have the opportunity to work on the university web site. Roni Biscoe thanked Tracy for the updates. Sonny Carter praised guest wireless access, because currently visiting students, staff, or faculty have no means of accessing the University’s wireless network.
The next meeting will be held sometime in January; Phillip Gillis will present an update on mobile initiatives.

Rick Tarver moved to adjourn; Lauren Michel seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

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ITAC Chair, Tracy Brown     Date

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Recorder, Helaine Razovsky     Date
Approve - Rick

Dr. A. Richard Tarver (Rick)
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Helaine – These look good to me. The only correction I see is the spelling of my last name from Briscoe to Biscoe in the last paragraph of the first page. Thanks. - Roni
Sheila Gentry:
I approve the minutes.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
Juanita Darby:

I approve the minutes.
Juanita Darby
Cody Bourque:
I approve.

Cody
Helaine,
I have no changes or comments to the ITAC minutes. Thank you for preparing these so promptly.

Hedy

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Hi,

Please note that the Luminis system will replace myNSU and not the Web for Students and Web for Faculty and Advisors Systems.

Luminis may be adopted as a portal for students and faculty replacing myNSU.

Note: Web for Students and Web for Faculty systems are called Banner Self Service in the Banner System.

Thanks! LB

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I approve the minutes.

Billie
Cecil Knotts

approve
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Tracy Brown:
I approve.
I approve the corrected minutes.

Joe Campbell
I approve the minutes

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