

University of Ontario Institute of Technology

IT Operations Committee

MINUTES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Present: Bill Muirhead (Chair), Pat Andreassen, Les Becskei, Brian Campbell, Travis Dutka (SA Rep), Gabor Feuer, Mark Green, Junior Groves, Clemens Martin (Vice Chair), Lana Pickering (Recording Secretary), Otto Sanchez, Mike Santos, Miguel Vargas Martin, Dino Zorbas.

Regrets: Elio Benincasa, Michelle Brown, Chris Hinton, Bill Hunter, Liesel Knaack, Ed Waller, Diana Wood.

1) Call to Order

One item to be added to agenda: Quota for H Drive

Minutes were adopted.

2) Silicon Chalk – Junior Groves

As stated at the last meeting Silicon Chalk will no longer be supported by Horizon Wimba. Until the replacement tool is identified the faculty who currently use Silicon Chalk need to be supported by ITS. It was suggested that a transition phase of 15 months be set to give individuals time to find and learn a new tool.

Junior Groves stated there needs to be some quantitative usage patterns compiled for the Silicon Chalk pilot.

Motion: Need to report on use and statistics on results of the Silicon Chalk pilot to evaluate the value of this tool. This will be helpful when investigating a replacement tool for faculty at UOIT. It was recommended that the Innovation Centre compile this data.

**Motion – Junior Groves
Seconded – Mark Green
Carried**

3) Implementing new learning technologies – Chris Hinton

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

4) Turnitin.com WebCT Powerlink – Bill Muirhead

Bill Muirhead stated that the suggested powerlink will not provide any benefit to faculty and as such will not be implemented.

5) Better Associations between lectures/labs and tutorials – Clemens Martin

It was suggested that a better way to manage lab course numbers and associating them in some way to specific courses would help alleviate some of the cumbersome management that currently occurs.

Dino stated that this was a banner issue and will report back to this committee on what can be done.

6) Unsupported Browsers in WebCT Vista – Bill Muirhead

Students and faculty when upgrading Java may find that the upgrade grade presents problems in working with WebCT. ITS is aware of this problem and are working on the solution. An information page is being developed to inform students and faculty of the issue. Information from ITS will be distributed at the next meeting.

7) The Chronicle's Wired Campus Newsletter – Elio Benincasa

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

8) Quota for H Drive – Miguel Vargus Martin

The committee recommended ITS increase H drive storage limits for faculty. As well the committee asked for a reminder to be put on the ITS website regarding file back up for individuals who are not aware of the process.

9) Items for Next Meeting

- **Silicon Chalk – Junior Groves**
- **New Learning Technologies – Chris Hinton**
- **Associations between lectures/labs and tutorials – Dino Zorbas**
- **Update on Unsupported Browsers in WebCT Vista – Dino Zorbas**
- **The Chronicle's Wired Campus Newsletter – Elio Benincasa**
- **Quota for H Drive – Elio Benincasa**

11) Next Meeting

March 5, 2007