Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Correction to reflect Adam was nominated by David Sweeney. Minutes approved with no other changes.

Item 2: IT Trends / Innovative Activity

Juan - Chrome 42(?) won’t support Java. Can't use banners. IE supposed to drop it too. Java not planning on updating their system.

Biggest plug in impacted is Silverlight - biggest impact at the university is Java. Flash is still baked in, PDF still baked in. Considering availability of a VM with all correct versions attached.

Willis - incidents where account is compromised - people tend to think identity theft, when greater threat is payload of any attachment. Weaponized attachments are much more common. Real threat may not be account compromised, may be that accounts are weaponized, who clicks on them.

Henrik - someone created outlook acct in name of faculty member and sent emails/harvested emails, sent bogus instructions to students. Since we allow faculty to use any email, it is impossible for students to identify when an address is not a faculty member. Juan had similar problem related to disclosure and having a hard time contacting faculty on redirected.

Adam - Arch students ordering apple watch, how long before watches are banned from classroom?
Henrik - faculty wanting to know if you can disable internet - No. Have asked to be able to see if there is internet activity occurring within the class - active device. Is impossible with the density of campus. Discussion of wearables + test taking. Are we training students to recall or retrieve information?

Rapid chargers on market - 1 min recharge cycles on small batteries? Preproduction rapid charge cell phone, laptop batteries. Chemically different than current batteries. Possible use at bus stops, etc.

In new building, making sure 5 and 9 volt USB ports supported for charging.

Adam - article NetApp - financial difficulties, storage vendors like netapp. Changes they are dealing with in marketplace. Netapp = DEC in the 90s. Commoditization.

Item 3 Announcements

Adam - need to prepare for the retreat in August. Date proposed - 1st weekend in August - 6th and 7th (thurs/fri). Want to change up model - dive deep into one or two specific topic areas. We would come out with an output rather than simply a prioritization list. We can use one of our normal meetings for prioritization. Proposing the priorities from last year- governance and funding. Exec committee will present plan to group.

Item 4 ITAC Officer Elections

Last week nominations - 1 person was nominated for each office. Adam for chair, Ed for vice chair, Henrik for secretary. Nominations were open until 13th. Adam didn't receive any more nominations over email. Move that we accept nominations, election by acclimation. Seconded by Cheryl. Passed, elections concluded. Comments from nominees as follows:

Ed - Org as having potential as Univ moves forward. Potential to set long term direction; reason to listen to what we are suggesting. How do we get better at sharing tech inside our organizations. About how we learn what everyone has already invented. Don't re-spend the same money, don't reinvent anything.

Henrik - Appreciates existence of ITAC, helps to eliminate silos and encourage communication. Leadership has been listening to committee; we have some say in direction in the way IT is going.

Adam - Echoes what Ed and Henrik set. Continue to advance ideas that we should not be duplicating boring IT. Consolidate where we can, share effort, focus on uniqueness.

Henrik and Ed will start meeting now with Executive Committee. Transition happens over summer.

Item 5 DAMs (Library) – Sarah Potvin

Slides will be sent to ITAC list. DAM task force.

Discussion of members, charge, process.
Trying to understand how this connects to campus needs. Conducting pilots on 3 systems. Discussion about transitioning from idea of DAMs to idea of DAME - ecosystem. Question about support of interfaces - APIs are top priority, one of key ways we are whittling down. Aware that system we pick is going to be temporary in some ways, want it to be as open as possible. Subsequent task forces will look at policies and workflows.

DAM listserv - distributed a survey to the group. Have received good amount of feedback for needs assessment.

About 20 colleges and offices across campus have express interest in being involved. Decided to join efforts with the library - go with shared services route. Product that meets Libraries' criteria will probably be above and beyond what most need.

Ed - do we have elevator pitch or vision? What does it look like from univ point of view - this system can now do what.

Sarah - Primary aim is around stewardship and scholarship - place where units who have been struggling to manage - system would enable those materials to be kept, made public, data citation, DOIs, enabling reuse and framing of materials in scholarship. Things like displays.

Eric - mid tier products on the list - most are open source.

Adam - eportfolios? idea of student has portfolio of their work for prospective employers. How do we display portfolio effectively.

Bill - similar to what we do with thesis and dissertations.

Greg - eportfolios have not been brought up in discussions.

Sarah/Eric will send out survey to ITAC list. There was a committee that looked at eportfolios a few years ago. Eportfolios need to be maintained at least for several years for job searching and certifications. If there is a need, start with that committee, might be subset that connects to DAM task force.

Sarah - should we formalize between ITAC and DAM task force - subcommittee? Can ITAC adopt this group as a subcommittee? Adam - don't see problem. Will eventually be a shared service, having an ITAC tie to set up governance, etc. Will be more discussion about this in next meetings.

**Item 6 Texas A&M IT Org change**

Pete - Hierarchy in new leadership team - 3 areas above - Willis in charge of policy, risk and compliance. Two incidents that have happened impressed need for full time security person. Cheryl in charge of technical side, Pete of finance and administration.

Scott committed to doing away with the silos. Vision for this is when we have leadership team meetings, a problem will be solved or a plan will be come up with. Pledge to be as innovative as we can.
Lacey - moved positions around, committed to organizational and cultural change. 5 new core competencies. Effort to make sure competencies are shown and lived throughout organization. 5 year strategic plan team being put together based on Vision 2020, Action 2015, new president and IT community. It should be complete by end of summer. Branding - have had groups that have become silos, stood out from under IT umbrella. Going to be unified, no longer CIS, NIS and named departments. Websites are being taken down over next couple of weeks. This is a leadership structure, not an operational org chart- functional structure, all of those are part of Exec Leadership team, will be held accountable, etc.

Ed - 2 or 3 key tactical things you could use help on? Beef up security, campus backbone, help with common applications we can use to leverage

Health Science Center – currently use a set up similar to this, works well

Rick Young - VetMed – we have a short timeline for new complex. With changes and consolidations, are entertaining how to integrate that. Need to make decisions, who should we talk to, if we want to join in, need to make a decision either way. Pete - should make presentation to leadership team about what you want to do, get all of us involved in what you want to do.

Lacey - hope to have single point of contact to order something from us. Single sales engineer office. We would handle coordination for you on the back end.

Are positions listed without names new, are we doing searches? Lacey - openings for associate director of service desk, networking, security, and systems engineering (4 positions). Service desk - now include helpdesk central, desktop support, software store, computer repair - customer facing services. Court's position is being replaced as well as adding the associate director position.

Telecommunications - Chris Norton in charge of operations. Network installations, anything physical, data center management, network install team - no longer part of networking. Project management is a change - used to be housed under networking, pulled out and now their own unit; they report to Pete; will be more involved in managing projects as a whole for IT.

Discussion over lot of change pretty rapidly, ongoing projects. Structure exists for large projects, may not be followed. Discussion about disconnect between facilities, SSC, etc. Hopefully the change within IT will help facilitate solutions to these problems moving forward.

**Item 7 Open Discussion**

Adam - confirmed we have an engineer from Chef coming to talk about DevOps at IT Forum. Engineer will also do a 3 hour workshop on Chef and implementing DevOps. What can we do to get more people to the IT Forum?