

Administrative Professional Council (APC)  
Monthly Meeting  
April 11, 2013  
Galeria Pequena

Present: Katie Velarde, Chris Fendrich, Peggy Foley, Keli Hibbert, Liz Grutt, Bob Ojeda, Daniella Cauffiel, Patricia Milner, Adam Pocius, Jessica Boynton, Amy Robertshaw, Cathee Duncan, Niki Whitaker, Marjorie Villani, Erich Matola.

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Motion to begin by Chris Fendrich and second by Patty Milner.

March minutes approved by Patty Milner and second by Cathee Duncan.

Guest Speaker: Erich Matola, Chief Information Officer:

A Network Support Services Manager has been hired. His name is Mark Welte and he is an alum with good experience. He even spent time with Fort Collins network group and he has good customer service skills.

If awarded, ITS will be able to piggyback on an NSF Grant will take them from access to an internet that is 10 megabytes to 100 megabytes. Running across I-25 there is an information highway - Two Internet 2 Hubs. One is in Denver and one is in Pueblo. We would be able to bring this in. We will extend this pipe if we get the grant. Will also us to do more distance learning and have more of a telepresence along with outreach. The grant was a group effort and they feel like working with Mines our chances of getting the grant are high. The NSF grant would be GREAT for the campus. Hopefully that will go through. Should know in about two months. Fort Carson and Citadel locations would also benefit.

Other initiatives: Final part of legal review to get more storage purchased. \$546,000 project over 5 years. Dell offered us 0% financing. Maintenance will be less as well. For 10 years, we will have a rock solid storage solution. If we need to increase terabytes, we can add "bricks" of storage relatively cheaply. Going from 70 (40 usable) to 120 terabytes. This is in the final stages of implementation and was Mr. Matola's priority coming in. Dell sees the value in what we are doing and was happy to work with us and "brand" their company here.

Wireless: The goal is to have wireless across campus and have it work correctly. Getting proposals together. This funding will come more from student tech fees. We will also need to add to this for maintenance and such.

BlackBoard license is about to expire: The question is "will the price go up?", Adam Pocius is looking at other options as well. They want to be prudent and investigate options. An open source LMS may be an option.

Hoping to progress from a B website to an A website. Working with External Affairs and Faculty for input and meaningful ideas and doing things. The campus web committee was re-instated.

Erich is very engaged in our firewall. It had expired and there are some weaknesses. He is very interested and engaged in this area. Need to beef up the security, especially if we have more data coming in faster in the future. The cost of a data breach is high so we really need to insure and avoid this.

Blade servers are the workhorses on campus of applications. There was a blade that failed and when redistribution happened, systems and access and speed were impacted. The blades are out of warranty. Looking to purchase more blades or come in with another solution for campus.

Wants to get to the point where there is more good stuff going on instead of “fighting fires”. Their number one goal in ITS is to recruit and retain students.

Provost Search Update: Done!!!! 😊

Dr. Carl Wright from Grambling State will begin July 15, 2013.

Professional Development:

Retirement sessions went well. They are also willing to come back.

May 9, 2013. Positive thinking with Dr. Vial. Aspen Leaf plus breakfast. 60 people. Niki will send announcement out soon.

Committee Updates:

ULT: *ULT* did not meet because the president needed to meet with Chancellor to work on the 2013-14 budget. Will be on the 17th of this month.

UBB: Finished prioritizing programs through PREP. Then a few weeks ago, they needed to recommend cuts for next year per an amount from Chancellor. The group suggested cuts and gave to President list Friday. Then yesterday, the President showed final cuts and budget to UBB. This will be presented to the Chancellor on Monday, the 15th of April. That same day, President DiMare will have a campus meeting to announce the new budget – 2:00 p.m. on April 15th. Need feedback, Niki will work with Chris and Patty to send a formal email to Admin Pro Staff Members to get feedback on the PREP process.

Faculty Senate: Many Faculty Handbook, Catalog and Faculty related policies going through the last few meetings of the 2012-2013 Senate. None that directly impact the Admin-Pro group. The Classified Staff announced many fundraisers that will be held at the Luncheon next Tuesday. Let’s support them!

UBDE: Spiritual Fair on Thursday, April 18, 2013. All different groups will be there.

Customer Service: No meetings.

New Business:

Unanimous yes vote to change make-up of the APC committee. This proposal will be presented by Johnna at BOG in May.

We are short 7 volunteers for commencement. Niki will send another email out. Please help if you can!