Minutes
ASG/IT Advisory Committee
Friday, May 13, 2005, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Committee Members

Student Representatives:
George Chou, McCormick: Absent
Zachary Galin, SESP: Present
Nishant Goyal, Weinberg: Present
Michael Jurewitz, ASG Technology Director: Present
Christen Kirby, Weinberg: Absent

NUIT Representatives:
Jonathan Love, Medill: Present
Gabriel Matlin, ASG/IT Liaison: Present
Lyndsey McKay, Music: Present
Jordan Rost, Communication: Present
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Introductions

Reports:
NUTV (Wendy Woodward)
A station manager for NUCH1 was just hired. On May 11th, mtvU debuted on Basic and Expanded channels. It is in addition to the 20 channels that students choose. See http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions/2005/mtvu.html.
E-mail Defense System (EDS) Update (Wendy Woodward)
NUIT is introducing server-level filtering of spam and viruses. This will not completely replace client-side filtering because the rules governing it will be relatively conservative. The early testing was delayed due to the Ph to LDAP transition, but people will be able to begin testing this summer.

It will be possible to opt out of spam filtering, but not virus filtering. E-mail determined to be junk will be held in quarantine and students and other community members can choose to deliver, delete or ignore messages. See [http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions/2005/eds_intro.html](http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions/2005/eds_intro.html).

Spyware Removal (Wendy Woodward)
NUIT continues to monitor the anti-spyware marketplace and has decided not to purchase a central anti-spyware tool at this time. This decision is based on the fact that there is not one clearly effective tool. We continue to test SAV 10. Tools and more information are available on the Web. See [http://www.it.northwestern.edu/security/spyware/](http://www.it.northwestern.edu/security/spyware/).

University Library Information Commons (Bob Davis)
The University Library Information Commons will enter Phase 3 of its creation this summer and will involve major restructuring, including a new ceiling and better lighting as well as a small conference room for students, with projection capabilities and an electronic white board. The area will be closed while this construction goes on, but the computers will be re-positioned and useable.

Bob is open to talking about installing specialized software such as MATLAB.

Auditorium Improvements in 2005-2006 (Bob Davis)
Audio capabilities in Ryan Auditorium have been improved, and the room will continue to see developments such as the installation of a cinema-quality projector. Additional funding has been allocated to advance the technical improvements in Fisk 217.

Flicker Film Festival (Bob Taylor)
ASG sponsored the Flicker Film Festival May 6-8. AT provided the Webcast (see [http://nuamps.at.northwestern.edu/flicker/](http://nuamps.at.northwestern.edu/flicker/)). MediaWorks held a contest for a 30-second promotional ad. For more information about MediaWorks, see [http://mediaworks.it.northwestern.edu/](http://mediaworks.it.northwestern.edu/).
**Computer Lab Hours During Finals (Bob Taylor)**
Between June 2 and June 8, the NU Library will be open 24 hours.

**New Business:**
**Off-Campus Student Support (Wendy Woodward)**
Wendy was recently approached by a student claiming to represent ASG who wants ResNet-like service for off campus students. This would be difficult for many reasons, including a lack of control over the network.

Every off campus student can call the NUIT Support Center at 847/491-HELP (4537). A limited number of laptop appointments are also available. NUIT may provide resources to allow volunteers to support students off campus. NUIT is willing to explore improving technical support off campus by creating a listserv that NUIT monitors and possibly providing training for off campus support folks, if ASG considers this to be a priority and wishes to partner with NUIT in this endeavor. Mike needs to contact Wendy to proceed further with this effort.

Wendy asked for clarification regarding how ASG members should direct questions like this. Gabe replied that the ASG technology director should be the conduit to Wendy as the chair of this committee and primary point of contact for NUIT. Wendy agreed to cc: Mike on relevant messages to individual students.

**Rescon Office-Hours Support (Wendy Woodward)**
Next fall, rescons will begin taking limited laptop appointments in a central location in order to manage expectations and provide better support to solve problems faster. The best spots seem to be Allison & Lisa’s Café.

**Cell Phone Coverage on Campus (Wendy Woodward)**
NUIT is talking to several carriers to improve coverage around the campus. Cell phone providers are responsible for approaching the University and following appropriate protocol for establishing towers on campus. Currently Verizon, Nextel, and US Mobile have indicated some interest in doing this. At future meetings NUIT will give this group updates regarding cell coverage on campus and any new vendor activity. NUIT is close to announcing a plan to convert campus to VoIP (Voice-over Internet Protocol) within 3-5 years.

**Instruction for Students on Building Web Pages (Wendy Woodward)**
On June 1, an information session and basic Dreamweaver class will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. to help students post their Web pages. Mike is investigating ways to improve security on this server without limiting student groups too severely. This
class is being scheduled at the request of the ASG Executive Committee to train student groups on how to build web sites to publicize their events. NUIT is happy to assist with these types of sessions as long as students show up for the scheduled event.

**Additional Discussion**

SAMS (Student Affairs Management System) will replace some functions of student side of Plan-It Purple by next fall. SAMS provides a centralized place to post calendars and control rosters for student groups. It may help students see their groups’ information more clearly without overlapping with other groups.

Mike plans to redesign HereandNow with the goal of making it a customizable student Web portal.

The group agreed that the ASG VP of Student Services and Academic VP should be added to this committee as regular members. NUIT will inform them of this committee and invite them to attend future meetings. Mike will reinforce the message.

Gabe requested information about bulk e-mail policies. See [http://www.it.northwestern.edu/policies/bulkemail.html](http://www.it.northwestern.edu/policies/bulkemail.html).

**Summary of Action Items:**

- Send e-mail regarding off campus support to Mike. (NUIT: Wendy Woodward)
- Approach ASG to discuss whether off campus student support is a priority. (ASG: Michael Jurewitz)
- Find an alternate for Jordan Rost for next fall. (ASG: Jordan Rost, NUIT: Rachael Bild)
- Add the ASG Academic VP and the ASG Student Services VP to the committee membership. Update NUIT committee web page with this information. (NUIT: Rachael Bild)
- Create a tip sheet for students posting Web pages. Prepare information about obfuscating e-mail addresses. (ASG: Michael Jurewitz)
- Facilitate a connection between Mike Jurewitz and Staci Roberts. (NUIT: Wendy Woodward)

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