

Academic IT Advisory Board Meeting
December 2nd, 2011

Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy

- Replacing CNR policy from 2003. Eliminate overlap with systems policy and make sure they are consistent.

Changes-

- Employee responsibility to protect university information- this now applies to personally-owned computing devices.

Questions from Committee-

- Who is the target audience?- The policy applies to anyone using university IT resources.
- Split the paragraph on using resources for commercial and/or political purposes- split out section for students.
- Does the policy need a broader title?- accessing individual content on IT resources doesn't seem to fit
- Remove word "systematically" in section about archiving email? Make explicit that this is just the system policy and not a department policy (for those running their own email systems). Work with departments to make sure they know the policy. Rewrite section to clarify archiving and what happens in case of an investigation.
- Dan will make changes and send out- any other comments can come back to Dan through email.

Future of Labs and Classrooms-

- Rely more on student owned computers and devices, provide better printing options, power, furniture, more virtualization opportunities for software.
- Phase out some of the open labs (4 labs). In the meantime we've had requests for more labs.
- It would be hard to start over and decide where money should go now. To fund more labs we would need to take money from more other labs.
- Now some schools and colleges that don't have student funded labs, run by OIT, want to have a portion of their fees to run their own labs.
- Make dumb classes smart, even if they are departmental classrooms, not centrally scheduled.
- RAP's- Instructional computing labs that students use, but only a small number of students use the labs. Should the RAP fee be used to pay for labs?

- The perception is that OIT wants labs that cater to all students, but departments want labs to deal towards their students and their needs.
- Lab policy is trying to change procedures to make it easier to do software installs, etc.
- If we open up the lab- it won't be what we need for our graduate students. If we open it up to [all] undergraduate students, it won't be as accessible to grad students.
- Most of OIT's labs are catered towards a particular department. We are trying to decrease the time it takes to push out software updates.
- Is there a way to open up computers to add software more easily?- We can work with individual departments to make it easier for them.
- Residence Halls- have a space that supports computers but without actually having a lab. – But, these spaces are currently being used for teaching purposes. We are moving towards student devices accessing software for teaching remotely, but not there yet.
- Instructional labs are in constant use 8 am to 6 pm, 60 labs on campus.
- For open labs- 95% of usage is browser and word.
- This is a money issue- there isn't enough money, we haven't maxed our efficiencies yet but we are close. Smart classrooms need more R&R.

Software Licensing-

- Have a separate meeting the week after finals.