

# University Technology Committee

University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011  
1:30 to 3:00 p.m. | Hyer 142

## MEETING MINUTES

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Present: Vonnie Buske, Denise Ehlen, Jeannine Rowe, Bob Schramm, Eileen Schroeder, Elizabeth Watson, Roger Yin, Elena Pokot, Renee Pfeifer Luckett, Annette Guye-Kordus.  
Guest: Dominique Malone

Elena started the meeting by introducing Dominique Malone, a graduate student who is a guest for the day. The committee then reviewed the minutes from the Oct. 25 meeting.

1. **VHS Transition.** Memo distributed and reviewed. Committee approved the bullet language stated as “right to caption.” Eileen asked about role of tech liaisons and suggested including department chairs. Assume there may be a few who won’t give it up, leave it to colleges to enforce. Faculty should check what they get from the Library, don’t assume it is digital. It is the responsibility of the Library to do its own digital replacement systematically. Elena will take the memo to the next AAS meeting before releasing to campus.
2. **Storage Migration Project.** In preparation for a storage migration project currently underway, iCIT is sponsoring a Drive CLEAN-UP project to open storage in G: Drives and Mac individual drives. The Drive started Thursday, 11/17 with an announcement to campus; a second communication will be published via ConnectIT newsletter. FAQs were developed and published online, and information on campus and system policy on records retention was included. Benchmark report was produced 11/12, and report updates will be released today and published to campus. End date for promotion is Dec. 9. Those who decrease the amount of storage space used during this time will be entered to win an iPad.
3. **General Access Lab Virtualization.** Elena provided background on the lab virtualization initiative. Two years ago, iCIT purchased lab virtualization software for GA Labs which allows students to use lab images from the server. Two ways to use virtualization technology – the first is thin client technology, which are “terminals” that don’t have hard drives or memory, but instead rely on software supplied by a server. Thin clients were piloted last spring with positive results in GA lab. This fall, we are giving students the opportunity to link to lab software/image remotely on their own computer via the Internet. An inquiry was made about accessibility software? It is not on list for this pilot but will be introduced at the next phase. (**See Appendix A**). There are many ways the technology can be used. Virtualization could be used for dummy laptops when people forget their laptop. Are old computers to be used as dumb computers? Would rather not use any old computers, but if they are being used, then use as dumb terminal. Note: the campus policy is when new computers are delivered, the old ones are taken away. They may be reimaged and returned right away, or stored. Some colleges allow people to have more than one computer (CoBE does not). Roger will send the lab virtualization memo to his students. Annette will send memo to him. Elizabeth would like to participate in the pilot.
4. **LTC Updates:** Renee shared updates on several LTC initiatives.
  - Academic Honesty session on Nov. 2 had high attendance. Keynote speaker used Web Ex to present to the UW-Whitewater group. A panel, made up of

faculty and academic staff from across campus, discussed the issue from various perspectives.

- LTDC Regional Showcase – UW-Whitewater selected to host regional event on Jan. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Active learning is the topic of the daylong showcase event. Keynote speaker is Curtis Bonk, well known expert. The faculty showcase will include participants from UW-Milwaukee, UW-Colleges, UW-Platteville, and UW-Whitewater, with session topics to include mobile, ePortfolio, best practices by instructional designers, demos, and more.
- D2L “What New and How To” Workshop, January 12, 2012, Co-sponsored by the LEARN Center. This session coincides with a planned D2L upgrade by UW System. The upgrade will include a new D2L login process that uses Wisconsin Federation, a way for users to have a standard logon ID. Renee will show new D2L page login at December meeting.
- Snackables Series Continues. Three sessions planned for Spring 2012:
  - Studymate Author (Feb. 15 & 16)
  - Turnitin, GradeMark, and PeerMark (March 21 & 22)
  - Distance Education Facilities (April 18 & 19)
  - Turnit In grademark (electronic grading and mark up)
  - DE facilities showcase

**5. Computing Environment Update.** Annette shared an update for computing environment initiatives. Progress is being made for making Lion available to campus Mac users. There is no change to the status of the Windows 7 initiative, which has a critical dependency to the storage migration initiative addressed in a previous topic.

**6. Technology Purchasing.** Flooding in Thailand and in other parts of Asia have created order delays for technology components that have impacted delivery of computers to the United States. A communication was shared with campus on this issue, and iCIT is addressing it by preordering and stocking standard computers. Custom computers will have the highest impact. It was also announced that a Computer Surplus Sale is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the TDC. iCIT is organizing the resale of computer hardware for personal use.

**Meeting concluded at 2:30 p.m.**

#### **Appendix A: Accessibility testing for student lab virtualization.**

The GA lab virtualization pilot in this first phase does not include accessibility software. It is our intention to continue to add software packages to the virtual image, including the accessibility software that is currently available in the General Access labs.

As far as accessibility of the virtual desktop itself, one of the advantages of the VDI solution is the ability for a person with disabilities to access the virtual desktop from a machine that already has the appropriate accommodations. Consequently, a student who requires a special keyboard, a larger monitor, etc. would have the ability to access GA lab software from a machine and in an environment that is comfortable and well-suited for the individual.