LSU
Faculty Senate

Ad Hoc Faculty Senate
IT Committee Meeting

9 May 2023
10:30 am, 1008 B Center for Computation and Technology

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Param Singh (Chair), Gerry Knapp, Ken Lopata, Juana Moreno, Fabio Del Piero, Samuel Robison, Jeffrey Roland, Larry Smolinsky, Craig Woolley (Ex-Officio), Sumit Jain (Ex-Officio), Scott Baldridge (Special Advisor), Douglas Granger (Special Advisor)

Absent: Fanny Ramirez

Called to Order by Singh at 10:30 am.

Public Comments: None

Approval of minutes from ad hoc FS IT committee meeting on 5/1/23: Del Piero moved to approve. Roland seconded. Passed unanimously.

Chair's update: Singh attended ITGC meeting on 5/3/23. Thanked ITGC leadership for allowing him to attend. Mentioned that Woolley and Singh stressed the importance of this ongoing collaboration of ITS and ad hoc FS IT committee and both look forward to completing the assigned task as quickly as possible.

Old Business

- Discussion on IT policy PS-121
    - Knapp asked about "acceptable use parameters" in the main policy document. Jain clarified that parameters here act as rules or guidelines. Moreno moved to change in all IT policy statements the phrase "acceptable use parameters" to "acceptable use standards. Knapp seconded. Passed unanimously.
    - Granger and Baldridge requested whether parts of standards can be merged into main policy. Singh pointed out that several universities make their policies as well as standards public. Jain replied that while this is true, there is now a shift occurring in the way universities release various details about standards. Example of University of Kentucky was cited.
    - Moreno requested if the details of the way comparisons with other universities in framing these policies can be shared by the ITS with the committee.
    - PS-121-ST1 (A1) modified to "University network resources shall not be utilized to transmit any digital media that violates any university policies, local, state or federal

laws."

- Lengthy discussion on how one defines harassment in PS-121-ST1 (A2). Various inputs by Baldridge, Granger, Jain, Moreno, Robison, Roland, Singh and Smolinsky. Lopata moved to modify PS-121-ST1 (A2) to "University network resources must not be utilized in any form to harass, intimidate, or threaten other persons as defined per LSU policies, local, state or federal laws." Seconded by Knapp. Passed unanimously.
- Lopata, Moreno, Roland stressed importance of users knowing what is unlawful under PS-121-ST1 (A3). Jain noted that this information will be available through GROK articles. PS-121-ST1 (A3) modified to "LSUAM must implement appropriate processes and procedures to respond to unauthorized use and distribution of copyrighted materials."
- Discussion on the warrant process for LSU PD investigations.
- PS-121-ST1 (A4) modified to "LSUAM must implement appropriate processes and procedures, as well as ensuring technical infrastructure is implemented to provide network usage activity to support investigations conducted by authorized parties and/ or respond to legal requests as defined in PS 121-ST2."
- Discussion on Internet of Things led by Robison.
- Need for inclusion of examples in PS-121-ST1 (E2) stressed by Baldridge and Granger.
- PS-121-ST1 (E3) modified to "For the purpose of network communication over the University network, infrastructure services such as DNS, DHCP, and/or network proxy services must be offered centrally by LSUAM ITS. Users are not authorized to create, maintain, and/or offer network infrastructure services on the University network."
- PS-121-ST1 (F2) modified to "All remote access from outside the University network to networks owned and/or managed by the University must be accomplished using a remote access method, such as VPN and ssh, and must be reviewed and approved by LSUAM IT Security and Policy Team."
- Lengthy discussion on the role and responsibility of TSP's and department designees led by Granger, Jain, Lopata, Moreno, Robison and Roland. Jain clarified that in many cases ITS' Desktop Operations Team plays this role. PS-121-ST1 (F3) modified to "LSUAM Information Technology Services (ITS) reserves the right to block any device from the university network if the device is involved in data transmission which is harmful to the operation of the network and/or if appropriate processes have not been followed for review and approval. Any network blockage of such device must be communicated to an appropriate Technology Support Professional (TSP), which includes the Desktop Operations Team. TSP is expected to communicate with the user of the device."
- Roland moved to postpone the discussion of remaining items on PS-121 and other business to the next meeting. Seconded by Smolinsky. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned 1:08 pm