

ITA Meeting

March 6, 2008

1:30-2:30

Mesquite Room, UC 2.01.24

Meeting called by: Glenda Norton **Type of meeting:** ITA
Facilitator: Glenda Norton **Note takers:** Blane Walter
Timekeeper: Glenda Norton

Attendees: Chris Lamance, Stan Killian, Stuart Foote, Don Smolenski (COS); Moses Gomez (Facilities); Galen Raether, Dan Byrd, Keith Trevino, Matthew Marr, Blane Walter, Glenda Norton, Linda Dunn, Mitchell Cooper, Brent League, Laurie Trevino, Tamara Popescu, Vince Martinez, Geneva Vasquez (OIT); Laine Lee (COLFA); Luis DeLuna (COE); Larry Hampton (TRC); Nicole Rivera, Jose Rodriguez (Library); Eric Quiroz (DSRI); William Ingram, Jorge Coarla, Marisol Johnson (COEHD); John David Garza (UC); Steve Stewart, Rick White, Chris Vega (COB); Mike Wallen, Randy Todd, Jamu Safshreni (Admissions); Alfredo Zavala (DLAT); Harold Kiolbassa (COPP)

Minutes

Agenda item: SUN IdM Implementation **Presenter:** Laurie Trevino

Discussion: We are replacing Psynch with SUN Microsystems Identity Management System. Cost and limited functionality of Psynch are the primary reasons.

IdMS will:

- Use BANNER as the sole source for UIDs
- Synchronize passwords between BANNER, AD and LDAP
- Allow password administration using security questions and answers
- Provide "Ctr-Alt-Del" functionality

Phase 1

Project Start:	1/25/08
Development environment completed	2/28/08
Test environment due date	3/21/08
Functional user acceptance testing	4/4/08
Production environment due date	4/9/08
Go LIVE	4/10/08

Phase 2

Replace current process of using MIIS for automating the provisioning and de-provisioning of accounts

Conclusions:

Action items:	N/A	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: UTSA/UTHSCSA WebCT CE 6 Collaboration **Presenter:** Alfredo Zavala

Discussion: The new WebCT CE 6 collaboration is in the works:

Consists of -

Applications Tier

- Separate application clusters are set up at each institution

Database Tier

- All WebCT information is stored in one common Oracle RAC installation, with separate database instances
- Databases will be synched using Oracle DataGuard

Authentication

- Each institution will have their own authentication source
- Users attending both campuses will have to log in with different accounts

Features –

Redundancy & High Availability

- Hardware redundancy for all components of production instances
- Development application servers not clustered, but their data will be replicated to the disaster recovery (DR) site.

Scalability

- Each component in the production environment are scalable to adjust for growth

Backups

- Performed at UTSA
- Will transfer to UTHSCSA in the event of a disaster

What will happen in the event of a disaster?

- Either jump to the DR site, or halt operations and fix the problem in the production site. The decision will be based on several factors (time required to recover the production site vs. switching over to DR site, connections between campuses, etc)
- We need to conduct testing to determine how long it will take to transfer to the DR site
- Agreements must be made to determine acceptable downtimes

Project Status –

UTSA Pilot

- Pilot has been extended to include the summer term
- Spring pilot consists of 30 faculty, 64 sections, and 2,240 students
- Fall term will only have sections for faculty that have been trained and have had their content converted to the new version

UTHSCSA Merger

- UTHSCSA expected to join in May
- Currently in production

Things to know –

Accounts

- Faculty/Staff account access will use their current network ID and password
- Faculty accounts are created when assigned to a course in BANNER
- Staff accounts are created only on request

JAVA (1.5 Update 7)

- WebCT CE 6 is heavily dependent on JAVA. The major issue encountered is related to multiple versions of JAVA installed on client computers

LDAP Authentication

- Authentication to LDAP is planned for the future. There are some current issues with special accounts that need to be addressed.

Portal Integration

- Portal integration remains to be tested. There are some current issues with the Luminis Adapter that would limit the flexibility we have to manage the system

Conclusions:

Action items	N/A	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: Internet 2 **Presenter:** John McGowan

Discussion: We are now a full-fledged member of Internet 2 (I2). What does that mean?

What is I2?

- Advanced network consortium led by over 200 universities
- Provides leading-edge network capabilities and unique partnership opportunities
- Facilitates the development, deployment and use of revolutionary Internet technologies
- Brings the U.S. research and academic community together with technology leaders from industry, government, and the international community
- Includes Universities, companies, regional advanced networks and other organizations
- Provides a nationwide high-performance networking infrastructure and capabilities
- Networks aim to continually provide capabilities that are 3-5 years ahead of the commercial Internet
- Expands the possibilities of the broader Internet

Benefits –

- Primary goal: to ensure the transfer of new network technology and applications to the broader communities
 - Members develop, deploy and use new networking technologies that include:
 - Protocols such as IPv6
 - Middleware and security capabilities such as federated authentication
 - Advanced applications such as high-definition videoconferencing
 - New technologies enable people to use networking in completely new ways:
 - Digital libraries
 - Virtual laboratories
 - Distance-independent learning and tele-immersion
 - Tele-health
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Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible

Deadline

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Agenda item: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presenter: Carolyn Ellis

Discussion: General Announcements

Go to <http://www.utsa.edu/infotech/TechSupp/ITA.htm> for a complete list of current announcements.

Other Information

Observers:

Resources:

Special notes: NEXT MEETING IS 3 APR 08, MESQUITE ROOM (UC 2.01.24) AT 1:30PM