

# STATUS OF KEY OIT PROJECTS

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# Research Data Center (RDC)

- ▣ The Research Data Center is under construction and scheduled to open in late June. There was a short delay due to some design issues with the room housing the Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS's). However, there are no other issues we are aware of that would jeopardize the late June opening.

# Faculty Instructional Technology (FIT) Lab

- ▣ The FIT lab in the MS Building remains under construction. The current schedule has the Online Learning Team moving into the space during the last week of March.

# Blackboard Replacement (Upgrade)

- ▣ We are ready to move on the Blackboard upgrade from CE8 to the Learn 9.1 platform. We are awaiting contract signature. This will be a move to the latest platform in Blackboard's hosted environment. The schedule calls for some converted classes in the summer, with a full conversion for the fall, or at least before start of the spring semester 2013.

# Mobile Application

- ▣ The Mobile Application is almost ready to be pushed to the Android Market and the iTunes store. Just this past week we received the results of the security assessment. The security assessment uncovered a couple of items that we need to correct before making it available. Once pushed, the application should be available on the Android Market within 24 hours, and the iTunes store will take up to 2 weeks.

# PeopleSoft

- ▣ OIT is now staffed with our two individuals supporting PeopleSoft. One individual we hired from UTMB and is our lead person. The other individual is one of our top programmers who we are getting up to speed (mostly thus far from attending PS training). There is some additional staffing work we have to look at based on a matrix we received from UT Share.

# Office 365 Email and Calendaring

- ▣ After what seems to be an eternity, this week we are expecting approval from UT System legal to move forward with our planned migration of email services to Office 365. Our plan is to make this migration during the summer (hopefully beginning in June). We do not foresee any significant disruption during this process.

# Passphrase and Identity Management Portal

- ▣ With all the votes in, we will be headed down the passphrase road beginning this month. Our surveys indicated an overwhelming majority in favor of passphrases. We will be launching a new Identity Management (IDM) site this month with this capability.



# CrashPlan

- ▣ We are in the early stages of deployment of CrashPlan, which is a tool that will be used for backup of individual workstations. The goal is that all faculty/staff will be actively backing up their own primary computer to reduce risks of data loss. We have great reviews from the early deployment groups.

# GRIP and MyEDU

- ▣ The months of March through May will be big from a strategic perspective for the GRIP and MyEDU. During this time, I will be working with many areas of the campus to put together our overall strategy for these, and hopefully emerge out of May with a documented strategy to share across campus. Since the GRIP and MyEDU are intertwined, we will have one strategy that incorporates both. Apparently, MyEDU is coming out with a new “release” at the end of March that incorporates feedback they have received from various campuses. I would like to commend UTSA for probably being the most involved campus thus far.

Questions?