



Ad Hoc Faculty Senate IT Committee Meeting

29 October 2024

1:00 PM, 2025 Center for Computation and Technology

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

Present: Param Singh (Chair), Gerry Knapp (Secretary), Fabio Del Piero, Samuel Robison, Craig Woolley (Ex-officio), Sumit Jain (Ex-officio). Absent: Scott Baldrige, Kenneth Lopata, Juana Moreno, Thomas Douthat (special advisor: non-voting), Larry Smolinsky (special advisor: non-voting).

A regular meeting of the ad hoc FS IT committee convened at 1:00 pm on October 29, 2024, in room 2025 of the Digital Media Center (Center for Computation and Technology) at the LSU campus, with the Chair and Secretary being present.

The minutes of the last two meeting (10/1/24 and 10/8/24) were adopted on a motion by Del Piero.

In the Chair's comments, Singh asked Woolley to give an update on Educause. Woolley indicated they are opening up a partnership with a tech company called Tekstream to provide Security Operation Services (SOC) to entities outside of the State of Louisiana. The partnership could be employing up to 200 students on campus in cybersecurity.

Singh indicated he recently attended a Moodle conference in Mexico to meet with Moodle's leadership group. He will present to the committee on his findings in the near future. At the conference, he was able to trial Moodle 4.5 (version 5 coming out in January). LSU is apparently 4 versions behind. Singh indicated Moodle team was citing Canvas costing \$1M per year, with one school having a \$25m conversion cost from Moodle to Canvas. Woolley thought this was quite high, and felt more likely around \$400k/year and substantially lower conversion costs.

The committee continued discussions on development of educational materials for the IT policies. The committee completed discussion of key points to include in the educational materials for all the standards of PS-127 Compliance, PS-129 Physical Security, PS-130 Application Security, PS-131 Network Security, PS-132 System Security, and PS-133 IT and Security Operations. This completes the educational materials review of all policy statements except PS-128 Identity and Access Management, which is still under revision by ITS. During discussion, it was suggested by committee members that the planned security course be topic-oriented rather than policy statement oriented in format. Jain indicated an outline will be shared with the committee in the near future prior to course development.

It was agreed to move to a monthly meeting format unless time-sensitive issues arise. The next meeting is planned for 11/19/24.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm, following a motion by Del Piero, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Knapp, Secretary