



Ad Hoc Faculty Senate IT Committee Meeting

2 June 2023

11:45 AM, 1008B Center for Computation and Technology

Minutes of the Meeting

I. Call to Order: Singh called meeting to order at 11:45 am

II. Roll Call:

Present: Param Singh (Chair), Gerry Knapp, Juana Moreno, Ken Lopata, Sumit Jain (Ex-officio)

Absent: Sam Robison, Craig Woolley

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Ad Hoc FS IT Meeting Minutes Approval from 31 May 2023: Knapp moved to pass the minutes. Moreno seconded. Passed unanimously.

V. Chair's Updates: None

VI. Unfinished Business

- Discussion on IT Policy PS-121
 - Singh mentioned that feedback was received from various faculty members and TSPs on the draft of PS-124-ST4 point B. Jain discussed various revisions based on the feedback.
 - Jain and Lopata discussed modifications to exemptions under open source software.
 - Jain asked feedback on differences between codes provided for instructional purposes versus codes provided in an instructional setting. The committee recommended to use the latter in the policy.
 - Jain and Moreno discussed operating systems on devices. Jain mentioned the necessity of ensuring that the operating system must be supported by the manufacturer at the time of purchase.
 - Lengthy discussion on exemptions for freeware. Jain expressed concerns on allowing blanket exemption for all freeware on the campus. Mentioned that any freeware for academic research can be exempted.
 - Jain mentioned that there is ongoing discussion with accounts payable, procurement and internal audit on privately purchased software on university owned computers. Mentioned situations where privately purchased software for university business was later reimbursed using university funds. Any inclusion of above needs to be aligned with PS132-ST6.

- Discussion on making a list available for software that has been approved as part of software acquisition process. Knapp suggested addition of “Any software that has been approved as part of Software Acquisition Process and is on the current list of approved software published by ITS for the intended use case (e.g., instructional, administrative, research, etc).” Jain mentioned that ITS is working on a searchable database with an approved list of software.
- Jain mentioned that the office of accessibility does not check about accessibility of software if less than 10 users are involved in a non-instructional setting.
- Jain mentioned that any business subscriptions for any cloud-based applications needs to pass through the Software Acquisition Process.
- Discussion on restrictions on software subscriptions for any cloud-based applications to conduct university business. Lopata and Singh expressed concerns on problems with compliance as it will forbid use of Dropbox, Gmail etc. Requested if this could be applied to private and/or confidential information only. Jain presented a draft statement which would have additional caveats including licensing requirements.
- Lopata led a lengthy discussion on endpoint protection and the balance between privacy and security concerns. Jain mentioned that there exist some IT assets which are easily accessible from outside LSU.
- Singh asked about encryption issues on dual boot systems.
- Lengthy discussion on Digital Communication Services. Jain mentioned that it only refers to e-mail, instant messaging, and video conferencing and does not include text messaging (i.e., SMS, MMS, etc.) and phone calls. Singh expressed concerns with compliance if users are using Whatsapp etc. and requested if the policy can be restricted to just private and confidential data.
- A draft of PS-121-ST3 was prepared with various changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 pm.