

Regents Information Technology Council (RITC) January 2008 Meeting Notes

Date: January 15, 2008

Attendees:

Jim Bingham (KU Med.), Roy Gallup (ESU), Denise Stephens (KU), Donna Liss (KU), James Lyall (KSU), Gary Ott (WSU), Michael Gunter (Washburn), Jerry Smith (PSU), David Schmidt (FHSU), Denise Moore (KITO), Brad Williams (KBOR)

Guests:

Bill Roth (KITO), Bryan Dreiling (KITO), Bob Benson, (consultant), Grant Crawford (MHEC), Cort Buffington (KanREN)

Discussion Items:

1. *MHEC Overview – Grant Crawford

Grant Crawford provided an over view of the services the MHEC offers. Some specific MHEC contracts were discussed. Grant provided documentation describing the savings and the various products and services that are available through MHEC. Grant also described the new “MECHTech” website and discussed some of the RFPs that are under development. Information was provided regarding the MHEC CIO conference which will be held in Chicago, February 25-26.

2. CITO Update – Denise Moore

- LD Contract with AT&T was renewed for 3 years.
- *State still looking for a backup center in Wichita – a possible company has been identified.
- Division of Budget moving to a web based application
- Piloting digital media in the legislature.
- JCIT met in December – considered the FMS and the role of the Regents.
- There was a discussion of HB 26-12 and its impact
- Government Technology and Efficiency Committee starting again will hold meeting in virtual room so meeting can be viewed on the Internet.
- FMS focus is being changed. There will be more focus on the business side.

3. Network Upgrade Discussion

- Brad provided an update on network upgrade activities. The RFP has been released and returned to Kan-Ed.
- Kan-Ed is working on some rural healthcare issues that may have an impact.
- The meeting with Kan-Ed and KanREN went very well.

4. *KanREN Update

- Cort Buffington provided a summary of KanREN activities – Cort would like to attend RITC meetings for a short period each month and provide an update.
- There is a need to measure Internet usage at the universities – will require some new equipment.

5. Kan-Ed Annual Report

- Brad Williams provided a summary of the Annual Report and the Post Legislative Audit. Eight recommendations were made by the audit. The overall summary is very positive.

6. *SIM Plan Summary

- Bill Roth provided a summary of the SIM plan
- Bob Benson (consultant) provided a summary of the purpose and goals of the plan.
- There was a discussion of the role and the impact of the SIM plan on the Business Operations of the Universities. There was concern regarding whether the role of IT was the place that this needs to be considered or if the business side of the universities should be the lead.

7. *CHECK Conference Update – Roy Gallup would like to know if anyone has an idea for good keynote speaker?

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:28

* Indicates a collaborative activities: