Green IT (GITAG) Minutes

April 11, 2012

Present: Lowell Williamson, Julio Gonzalez, David Collins, Chris Roth, Scott Paterson, James McCarthy, Kevin Rampersad, Claudia Crespo, Tim Farrell

Business Arising from Previous Meetings

Printing Position Paper

Printing Position paper was presented at CTSC. Science representative expressed concerns with point 4 so need to dialogue with this person and address their issues.

Ecofont

Kevin reported that the Ecofont licensing model has changed as the font has gone commercial. It is no longer open source freeware. [http://www.ecofont.com/en/products/green/printing/packages/enterprise-edition.html](http://www.ecofont.com/en/products/green/printing/packages/enterprise-edition.html) Also university thesis guidelines recommend a serif font. [http://www.grad.uwaterloo.ca/Thesis_Regs/tg5type.asp#font](http://www.grad.uwaterloo.ca/Thesis_Regs/tg5type.asp#font) Ecofont is a sans serif font. Kevin will contact Graduate Studies Office to investigate if it is possible to have a paperless thesis submission. It was also noted that archivists do not like the ecofont as it is lighter in colour and may not be suitable for long stored documents.

Website to Drupal

James has converted the GreenIT web site to Drupal. [http://uwaterloo.ca/green-it](http://uwaterloo.ca/green-it)

Environment Printing

James reported that Environment student printing is down for the past year but Faculty printing is up. Student printing has dropped 50% over the past two years.

Website to Drupal

Lowell will be giving at twenty minute presentation about UW’s GreenIT group at CANHEIT this summer.

New Business

World Community Grid Program

Carl was not present to speak to this.

HP T200 Thin Client Experience in Arts


“There were initially some driver incompatibility issues between the client and server. The clients depend on the server for everything (hence my need for some software from HP). If we go this route (likely), we will be saving significantly on system replacement costs as well as energy (the clients are 3W).”

Arts is going to replace out thin client deployment in the foyer of the Arts Lecture Hall (currently old Neoware clients) with HP 5565 clients before or at months end.

New Chair and Secretary
Chair – James, Secretary – Chris

Members’ Reports
James – Central Stores is running an e-waste drop off Saturday April 14.

Chris – Computer Science has GreenIT recommendations page: http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/cscf/decisions/GreenIT

Claudia – Procurement Services is hosting a trade show May 23, Davis Centre Fish Bowl. Suppliers will talk about their green options.

Lowell – Going to consolidate two undergrad network printers to one. Looking at campus central student printing solution.

Tim – migrating user file spaces to single network appliance.