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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Printing Position Paper- final revisions were made to make it more generic (e.g. not specific to Xerox). Lowell will send it to CTSC for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

1. World Community Grid (Carl Nagel) – This is an initiative to allow idle computer time to be used for various research projects: www.worldcommunitygrid.org. It requires the installation of WCG software, which will use the computer’s spare processing power when it is idle. The Library has installed it on all their public workstations but would like to stop maintaining it. Some of the questions that were raised (particularly with respect to using lab computers) are:
   - Is the value of the research worth the cost of leaving the computer on (in terms of electricity used and possible wear on components).
   - The software is promoted as being secure, but could there be risks? Is it well written?
   - Could it work in a thin client environment?
   - Are there any statistics for usage on Campus?

   The issue will probably go to STAC, and they may ask our opinion. Any formal direction on this will have to come from the Campus level.

2. Projects (Chris Roth) – MFCF has a Computer Science Co-op student who would be interested in helping with any small programming projects.

3. Green Cheat Sheet (James McCarthy) - The idea would be to maintain a list of basic steps that the average person could take to reduce their IT environmental footprint, and post a link from the GITAG web site. Some suggestions for inclusion in the list are: Shuting down computers when leaving for the day, using USB keys to store scanned documents instead of printing them, guidelines for sustainable IT purchasing.

4. Summary of Sustainable IT Workshop (James McCarthy) – James attended a 2-day workshop given by the organization ‘IT in Canada’ (www.itincanada.ca) and hosted at U of T. The workshop focused on developing a sustainable framework for organizations. They did exercises to break down procedures and talked about sustainable purchasing. James will post a digital copy of the slides.

5. Summer meeting schedule – We will aim to have a meeting before July 9, with a thought towards communicating with our new CIO David Wallace.