GREEN IT (GITAG) MINUTES

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Asset Management: Dawn Keenan was our guest today to talk about this project, and listen to any concerns from a ‘Green IT’ perspective. The recent Campus audit showed that UW has little idea of what assets they have and where they are. Most groups are doing some sort of asset tracking but there is no consistency. A Campus group was formed to try and come up with a system that will be easy and not overly staff intensive to use. Some observations from a Green IT point of view are:
   - Could this be used to track energy usage? For example, the system could store data about specs.
   - Life cycle tracking?
   - Repurposing equipment between groups (i.e. ability to see who has useful equipment that they no longer need but another group might be able to use).
   - Could the asset management system work with Active Directory (e.g. so we know where things are).
   - Tracking off-campus equipment?
   - Make it as paperless as possible!
   - Why not make it mandatory? There would be advantages to running the Campus more like a business.
   - Tracking software & licensing is important.

The Committee wants to get an RFI out soon so they need to know what people are currently doing and what their needs are in such a system.

2. Printing Tips Page: James will contact Bob Hicks about having it put on Client Services page. Lowell may link from Green it page, or perhaps we will just host it.

3. GreenIT Report Card - Please fill it in as best you can and submit it so there are as many results as possible available for the Watitis talk.

4. Watitis prep - We won’t have a display at Watitis as there just isn’t enough time to prepare something. We could work towards having some kind of display that would be set up and ready to go, and customizable for different events. Perhaps we could have posters professionally printed, or make use of the many digital signage options around Campus. Should we put together a proposal to ask for a budget?

NEW BUSINESS

1. Waterloo North Hydro RetroFit Program - This presentation was held on Friday November 9. Jeff Quint from WN Hydro hosted the seminar. He has done a retrofit in Sharcnet. He talked about 2 ways that groups can potentially save or recover money:
   - Audit: There is financial incentive (up to 50% of the cost of the audit) to do a building or equipment audit, the goal is to identify areas where electricity use can be decreased. Jeff will come in to help implement an energy management program. Read more here: https://saveonenergy.ca/audit/?ldc=wnhydro
• **Retrofit:** Financial incentive is available to help with the capital costs of replacing older, inefficient equipment with newer, energy efficient solutions. The funding model is based on the old equipment being completely removed from service, i.e. it can’t be used somewhere else. Read more here: [https://saveonenergy.ca/retrofit/?ldc=wnhydro](https://saveonenergy.ca/retrofit/?ldc=wnhydro)

  Lowell will gather information from groups and try to identify potential projects, then we can hopefully ask Jeff to attend our January meeting.

2. **Newsletter** - March is the goal for the next one.
3. **Scott** – The annual Arts open house will be held Friday December 21.
4. **Carl – Porter Library** is planning to have an energy audit done by Plant Ops. They are still waiting for something to be scheduled.