



WNAG

Wednesday April 17, 2013

Present

Lowell Williamson – AHS (Chair)
Bernie Rutter –ENV (Minutes)
Erick Engelke – ENG
Patrick Matlock - IST
Mike Cocker – IST
Ravindri Kulatunga - IST
Manfred Grisebach - IST
Will Lewis – IST
Nevil Bromley - Arts
Naji Alamrony – Math
Allan Fleming - SCI
Colin Bell – IST
Ray White – IST

Agenda Items

1) Demo of Engineering Mobile Website

- Erick demonstrated the Engineering mobile friendly web portal mobile.eng.uwaterloo.ca
- It can be branded per faculty
- Uses embarcadero framework
- Uses Extract data
- Colin: IST also working with three groups - data access, design innovation, open data groups

2) Application Contacts

- Still in need of volunteers to represent applications on the list
- Lowell: Should we search for application contacts beyond our group?
- Manfred: podium computers need to be updated - apps on podiums need to be represented by someone - IST can't always assume.
- Lowell: Please share this list with your fellow faculty computing people
- Will: should we merge with IST support list?
- Manfred: Still some AS areas using ancient software

3) Documentation Committee

- Colin demonstrated the Mindtouch documentation management site
- Features:
 - Users can do light level of coding
 - "new KB" presents template for document
 - Uses CKedit
 - Can use URLs to get to articles
 - Has internal indexing
 - Uses DekiScript
 - Embedded RSS feed
 - Gets JSON from the API
 - Pages can have subpages
 - Can add tags
 - Revision history available
 - graphing, charting, dashboarding available
 - will index/create dropdowns of existing tags
 - Mindtouch has a restful API - possible access from future RT system
 - draft/WIP workflow commenting available
- Currently running on open source core version and hosted on an IST VM
- Colin: we can get CAS enabled
- Colin and Lowell to define maintenance tasks before next meeting
- WNAG will decide on who looks after it going forward

4) AD consolidation

- Colin: Change Management procedure is in place
- Moving forward with decommissioning servers
- Framework being built to allow approvals by the IST operations manager assuming all other steps have been taken. Trying to speed up process to complete project in timely manner

5) Podium Computers

- Manfred: podium computers – IST needs input on software for next term
- How do faculties handle lab updates?
- Mail Mike C with podium requests for next term

6) Faculty/IST updates (received by Email)

- Lowell – AHS
 - Working with IST to pilot an end-to-end solution for student printing
 - Recently completed a seminar series on Outlook 2010
 - Our latest newsletter has been released: <https://uwaterloo.ca/applied-health-sciences-computing/news/newsletters>
 - Working on creating a MAC VM for testing in NEXUS
 - We will not be doing a lab rebuild for summer 2013
 - New server (Windows 2012) is being built
- Bernie - ENV
 - Preparation for Spring 2013 lab rebuild