WNAG

Meeting: 2015-10.21
Present: AHS - Lowell Williamson; Arts - Nevil Bromley; CS - Steve Nickerson; ENG - Ray White; ENV - Bernie Rutter; Math - Jim Johnston (Chair); IST - Will Lewis, Mike Patterson (secretary), Manfred Griesbach, Anton Romantsov; Science - Allan Fleming

1 Previous Business

1. Unlinked GPOs (Nevil): Jim noted that this list is much shorter, but there's still a bit more cleanup. Observation that as more move to SCCM, this sort of cleanup should be easier, as does greater toque adoption. Ray cannot commit EngComp to as aggressive a cleanup schedule as the group would desire, as Hon has been gone and will be gone again in January (leave). Most of the remaining unlinked GPOs have Hon or Daniel (Delattre?) named.

2. DC migration to private subnets - update (Dave): Will try again shortly to move galene. We know that there's been more testing in nexustest/apextest so things should go much more smoothly. Timing? Ray would prefer a delay to end of classes. There was no strong opinion otherwise on which date should be chosen (planned date or end of classes) so it was decided we should proceed with planned date. As a general principle, the group agreed that things *ought* to be done between terms, although since that's when everybody likes to do everything, that might make testing/rollback/problem reporting problematic.

3. Raising functional level of our domain: lower priority request. IST would like to do it "eventually." Two timeframes suggested - end of fall term, or end of winter term? Anton says despite reduced staffing levels at end of winter, the ease of rollback means a much lower risk. Some discussion about what it means to actually 'test' something (as a result of a question regarding the testing of rollbacks). Manfred's suggestion was to raise to 2012 at Winter break, 2012R2 at spring. A change request will be presented to the group.

2 New Business

1. Jim mentioned a post about Agile: "only the most recent RDP client will be supported." Can we give a bit more lead time on notices that might break older OSes (even if those OSes are no longer vendor-supported)?

2. Samba issues: an upgrade to 4 won't fix. Making use of groups triggers a bug in Samba, related to group permissions. Try turning off client-side caching.

3. Domain privileged accounts (Nevil): a reminder that modifying security groups requires a change request. An administrator was added to an APEX domain group, which was a surprise. There is a group called "DNS Admins" which would have allowed the required changes without creating a new

domain admin. (But do we want change management for *that* group as well? Probably, but at least it would have been less surprising.)

Meta discussion: what working documentation do we have? Nevil will bring along what he had from Colin Bell. Where do we put this documentation?

3   Faculty Updates

See agenda. SteveN had one addition: Bill Ince's retirement announced, new manager Omar Nafees officially started day before the meeting. No change in WNAG representation expected at this time.