WNAG

Meeting: 2018-09-19

Present: Jim Johnston (Chair), Bernie Rutter (Secretary), Mike Patterson, Nevil Bromley, Ray White, Allan Fleming, Julio Gonzalez, Clayton Tucker, Lowell Williamson, Dave Hinton

Regrets: Lisa Tomalty

Items from Agenda

UPN change

DaveH solicited input on his request to change the User Principal Name (UPN) in Nexus from username@nexus.uwaterloo.ca to username@uwaterloo.ca.

On the positive side, people will be able to login in to ADFS with username@uwaterloo.ca

username@nexus.uwaterloo.ca can still be used

This can affect CAS, shibboleth and any ADFS services

Many student focused online services are expected to be moving to ADFS

Timeline is for implementation is October 2018

See agenda for Faculty and Department updates

Other Items

WatIAM

Nevil reported that Arts is seeing more sessional Arts instructors than usual not getting into WatIAM properly. Sponsorships are expiring before they get all resources assigned

JimJ also noted that Post Docs are getting no resources, and they have to flag them as employees to get resources.

Jim is working with Sean Mason on possible fixes

Will pass deficiencies up to UCIST

Library breach

MikeP reported that a recent cybersecurity review revealed that the University of Waterloo Library's Course Reserves System had been recording, to a log file, the WatIAM userid and password of those who had accessed the system. This includes over 1,000 individuals who used the tool in November of 2016, where their user name and passwords were made available on a public web server. Those individuals have been contacted and given information security advice and direction.

The accounts that had not reset their passwords by Friday September 14 were locked out until their passwords were reset.

MikeP will try to get affected usernames to the respective constituencies IT support groups.

MikeP also reported that the Flexera Corp software inspector product is having issues with SCCM integration. He added that we also have the Qualys agent that performs a similar role and he would like to see people run it on some machines for testing. It is licensed for 5000 endpoints.

There is an SSL certificate update for LDAP scheduled for September 20th

WNAG Mandate

There was a discussion about the ongoing effectiveness of WNAG.

This is our published purpose (https://uwaterloo.ca/waterloo-nexus-advisory-group/about):

The purpose of the Waterloo Nexus Advisory Group is to facilitate discussion on technical issues related to development and ongoing support of the Waterloo Nexus environment.

Each member is expected to bring to the group issues for discussion and resolution, and to communicate information back to the Waterloo Nexus system administrators within the academic and academic support units they represent. The group is advisory to University Committee on Information System & Technology (UCIST).

(Editor's note - I will try to update our 5 year old published org chart before the next meeting)