

Chief Technology Officers Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2005, 10 am
Video sites in Reno, Las Vegas, Elko and Carson City

Present: Brian Chongtai, Jeff Cox, Jim McKinney, Don Moxley, Lyle Pritchett, Lori Temple, Al Valbuena, Steven Zideck, Ed Anderson, Sally Phares, Roberta Roth, Becky Seibert

1. Oracle License Conditions – Roberta Roth

Oracle will be on site during the first week of April. They will devote half a day to explaining the Oracle license. There will be discussion about any modifications needed to our current license agreement. 2-3 days will be spent on Oracle training. Invitees will include the CTO's, Oracle campus contacts, the System-wide Software Committee, SCS staff, and any interested others. Roberta asked the CTO's to assist SCS with getting the word to the appropriate people.

2. CTO Tech Bulletin – Sally Phares

SCS distributed a trial technical bulletin to the CTO's that could serve as another means of sharing information among campuses. The CTO's said they liked it and encouraged SCS to continue it. They suggested that every article include a contact for additional information.

3. SCS Web Page – Becky Seibert

SCS is redesigning its web pages and will have a new look in March. The CTO web page has been updated.

4. SCS Project Management Procedures – Linda Kennedy

Linda explained that SCS has new procedures for initiating projects. She had emailed some background information on the project initiation and planning process. The forms for initiating a project are on the SCS web (currently under Administrative Systems, Project Management Office, Forms). Network Services project management has not changed. Network projects are still initiated by sending email to ts_managers@uccsn.nevada.edu. A question was asked about who can request a project. Right now anyone can, but SCS will keep CTO's in the loop to make sure a project request has support on the campus from which it originated. There is a designated project sponsor for each project, and that will often be a campus leader. The characteristics of a "project" as opposed to just an operational task are being worked out as SCS becomes more familiar with the project management discipline. A question was asked about the role of the user groups. They will still have a role, but SCS hopes the new process will evolve into a method for making sure projects we undertake are campus priorities. It is taking about a week to respond to requests with an answer about whether SCS will work

on a plan for a requested project. Sometimes project requests just become operational tasks. Sometimes they are not considered appropriate projects for SCS to plan.

5. Legislative Consideration of Technology Budgets for 2005-07 – Becky Seibert

Becky had emailed the CTO's a copy of the response that was sent to the Legislature about the four technology requests that were not included in the Governor's budget. The next budget hearing is scheduled for March 2.

6. WebCT Planning - all

Becky asked what campuses are planning to do if the TMI budget initiative is not funded. Lori Temple said UNLV is planning to move to Vista in the coming biennium because Campus Edition 6 does not support the multiple instances that UNLV needs for its varied programs and varied schedules. Al Valbuena said CCSN has invested in hardware already. They might go to Vista or CE6. They might like to partner with UNLV. Jim McKinney said UNR has the hardware in place to move to CE6 sometime in the coming biennium. Steve Zideck said TMCC is not planning any changes unless SCS changes what we support. It was felt that it might be useful to hold a special CTO meeting just to discuss collaboration possibilities. Other interested parties might be invited to participate as well.

7. Technology Task Force Update

Becky mentioned the funding strategy effort that the Business Officers have been charged with. Gerry Bomotti, VP for Finance at UNLV is heading the effort. He prepared a document showing potential funding sources. SCS is working on a schedule showing what SCS funds and staff can be reallocated to the ERP as the migration to a new system progresses. It was suggested that the Task Force needs to improve its communication with the UCCSN community so people will be informed about its actions.

8. Other

Sally Phares said the SCS newsletter would be out soon and CTO's would receive email with a link to an electronic version. The supplemental systems inventory SCS is undertaking for the CTO's is not moving very quickly.