

Information Resources Council
December 15, 2004

Attendees:

[Sarah Goodwin](#), [Beth DuPont](#), Susan Zappen, John Sanders, David Hamilton, Jamie Aiello, Brien Muller, Leslie Miakisz, Jeff Beachy , [Ruth Copans](#), [Bob Jones](#), Kris Szymborski, Andy Ashton, Marianne Needham, [Joanne Devine](#), Denise Hughes, [Michael West](#), [Tom O'Connell](#), Joe Sims, Betty O'Connor, Mike Sposili, [Ann Henderson](#), Jeff Clark, Stanley McGaughey

The IRC discussed CITS' proposed new user-name policy in an open meeting. Jeff Clark opened by summarizing the policy and its advantages, as indicated on the attached crib sheet Proposed User ID Change.”

Andy Ashton asked whether the new system would be able to differentiate between employees and students in LDAP; Jeff said yes. Asked whether students' will then have email for life, Mike Sposili noted that is could be advantageous to provide it and is under discussion. Some questions were raised about span and resources; Mike West suggested this is a separate concern from the user ID question.

Jeff talked bout the advantages of increased automation that will result from the change. Some discussion of current user names and aliases followed. Betty O'Connor underscored the crucial difference between the unique User ID and the aliases that are available for receiving email (email identifiers). Aliases will remain; existing aliases will stay as they are: no one can log in with the aliases now or in the future. (An example of an email alias would be jeff.clark.edu most of us have such aliases and can receive email through them. These are not user ID's)

Jeff noted that the major disadvantage of the change is the inconvenience of not being able to recognize student as such by their username.

Some discussion of that disadvantage followed. Jeff and Mike West noted that it's a principle of databases that “you” do not put intelligence in the body”; user names, for automation, must be consistent and not contain mailers for information that could change.

Asked when the change will take place, Jeff said we need approval as soon as possible so that it can be implemented by May.

David Hamilton asked whether we could set up the LDAP to convey the information we'll be loosing. Some discussion followed; it would be possible to create aliases for students that resemble their current manes; but students would have to activate them as their email addresses. Ruth Copans asked if we might put students' graduating class in their user ID; Ann Henderson noted that as

many as 100 students a year change their class affiliation. Jeff added that , again, this would be putting information in the key.

Some discussion followed of how best to communicate this change, which seems inevitable, and to answer people's questions as they arise. Jeff Clark will craft a public memo.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the temporary ID's that applicants will be issued.

Beth DuPont noted that we can remind faculty how to set up a mailing list for their classes.

Jeff noted ID's will remain at 8 characters.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve this change, which these present agreed is inevitable.

Beth asked rapidly for responses to her query about whether CITS has IRC approval to require Symantec antivirus of all students. The discussion became quite lively; it was agreed we will take it up again once CITS staff have worked out some of the problems.

Sarah asked IRC members to respond to Karen Garnsey's query about times for a final meeting to review the budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah W. Goodwin