University Resources Policy Committee

Minutes from Thursday, February 13, 2014, 4:00-5:00 PM, AGAD 128

In Attendance: Blake Hylton, Keith Stantz, Terry Ashlock, Steven Johnson, Doug Nelson, Pam Aaltonen, Voicu Popescu, Gerry McCartney, Diane Hancock

I. Old Business (None)

II. Recruiting new URPC Chair—The outgoing chair mentioned that we need to locate a Chair of the URPC for the 2014/2015 year because the current chair has reached the 6-year term limit in the Senate.

III. Review of Operational Oversight Committee (Information Technology) Report by Gerry McCartney, VP for Information Technology.

Dr. McCartney discussed the recent report from the Operational Oversight Committee (OOC) regarding information technology. He discussed his division’s goal of setting a common baseline for faculty computer needs, so IT can be more efficient through consistent levels of service and replace/repair procedures. He also mentioned that they are developing policies to manage Purdue equipment that is being used or taken off campus.

McCartney was asked about IT’s response to the shooting on campus that happened earlier this semester. He answered that the IT system worked well in most ways; however, his office is working toward minimizing misinformation, especially over Twitter, and they are looking to use RAVE to “grab” all screens on campus when an alert is being sent out. He was asked about whether it was a good idea to replace computers as soon as they go out of warranty. He answered that it is sometimes cheaper to replace older machines that are out of warranty than to fix them. The new policies would help standardize those kinds of decisions. He mentioned that we should always buy 5-year warranties on machines and that he can negotiate good rates for that kind of standard warranty. He was asked about cloud computers as a cheaper option. He mentioned that stand-alone computers are still the cheaper option, and they allow more flexibility. McCartney was asked about the wireless system and how well it’s working. He responded that PAL 3.0 offers almost universal coverage on campus and that his office is unaware of significant coverage gaps.

IV. New Business (None)