Brief discussion before meeting about changes to the AIT committee membership. Thomas Freeman indicated that the Faculty Senate elected Noah Rogoff to the committee (Freeman going off FS in a year and not able to serve for a full two year term). There was a consensus to proceed with those present with nominations and elections for the chair and secretary at the next meeting. A FS representative may present the charge to the committee, and Noah Rogoff would have adequate notification of his election.

There was a short discussion related to Digital Measures. Susan Mueller and Thomas Freeman indicated that the FS did not discuss Digital Measures at last night's meeting. Members offered that there was considerable confusion among some faculty about the appropriate section to enter information into the database (esp. where teaching and scholarship overlap).

The meeting was called to order.

1. Personnel changes in ITS: Deb Schroeder indicated that there were several changes in staffing for ITS (transfers, resignations, retirement, etc.). Plans for meeting the support needs of the colleges / departments are underway, but she anticipates some problems meeting the short-term support needs of the university.

2. Technology Excellence Award: Heidi Haussermann, the Help Desk manager and assistant manager of the campus technology store received the 2013 award in recognition of exceptional service.

3. Office 365 storage increase: Deb Schroeder indicated that the email storage quota would be increasing from 25GB to 50GB. This change should become effective sometime in November/December.

4. Potential migration of student email from Google to Microsoft 365: Deb Schroeder shared that discussions and analyses are underway for potentially changing student email to Microsoft 365. The Google contract expires in April, and this is a good time to consider alternatives; however, renewing with Google will be necessary as changing student accounts would require much lead time. Managing a single email vendor and changes in the cost structure for Microsoft 365 were discussed as possible advantages.
5. UNK joining of Internet2: Internet2 has permitted entry of two university systems, so UNL, UNO, UNK, and UNMC are included. While Internet2 is generally regarded as a high-speed research network, Deb Schroeder discussed some other features that may be advantageous such as Eduroam, InCommon, and Box-research storage.

6. Fiber installation from Kearney to Lincoln: Progress on the fiber connection between Kearney and Lincoln is proceeding with the fiber in place, but equipment at each end of the fiber needs to be installed. In practical terms, campus users will not notice much, as the existing on-site network infrastructure will remain largely unchanged, but there will be improved performance during peak traffic times (such as during when a large number of users upgraded to iOS7 in September).

7. Lecture capture review committee: Deb Schroeder shared that a committee was working on adoption of lecture capture options, largely in response to an initiative by the Chancellor. Faculty are encouraged to provide input as opportunities arise. Products under consideration include Echo 360 (currently in use by UNMC and some colleges at UNO), Media Site, Tegrety, Camtasia Relay, etc. Currently, a functionality to cost comparison is being conducted, with projected costs to be substantial. The committee inquired if the Chancellor's office had a funding stream for the initiative, but this information was not currently known.

8. NU security assessment: In response to a network security breach at UNO, the university system has contracted a firm to evaluate security and security policies. This evaluation is underway with a report anticipated in the near future.

9. Health Science Education Building: Plans for the IT needs for the Health Sciences Education Building are underway. This represents an unprecedented new level of collaboration between UNK and UNMC. Deb Schroeder indicated that there have been technology-related challenges, but that everything is progressing well.

10. iPad update: Deb Schroeder indicated that the checkout of iPads was down slightly. Scott Fredrickson also shared that his department had a less than expected number of requests for iPads. In general, it was noted that students are trending toward supplying their own iPads, and that any student needing an iPad likely has access to one. Beth Hinga has begun an assessment project to evaluate the effectiveness of iPads on learning.

11. Wireless upgrade: The upgrade to a higher capacity wireless standard was completed this summer. Deb Schroeder indicated that the average number of wireless devices per student has increased from 4 to 7 (as determined by student surveys), and that the demand for wireless connectivity would likely increase.
12. Adobe contract signed by NU in September: Deb Schroeder communicated that the NU system has entered into a licensing agreement with Adobe. In large part, this only affects upgrades to Adobe software, as Adobe has adopted a subscription-based strategy for upgrades. Licenses should be purchased through eShop, but there is no need to purchase unless an upgrade of the software is desired. There was a short discussion related to difficulties encountered as software is increasingly managed by the UN System (vs. campus specific licenses).

Other business:

David Luker from Academic Success will attend the next meeting to discuss technology as it pertains to ADA initiatives. Mr. Luker has also requested to attend all AIT meetings, but the committee was unsure about the rules for non-elected individual attending meetings and the committee will check with FS (Ken Trantham) before permitting. There was the general feeling that attending as a non-contributing observer would likely be permissible.

The next meeting will be on November 1, 2013 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by Thomas Freeman.