

Minutes of 25 August Strategic Planning Committee

Members present: Robert Hoyt, Marsha Black, Jim Prestegard, Kyle Tschepikow, Ron Walcott, Danny Sniff, Sarah Spence, Ann Crowther, Rehan Khan, Irwin Bernstein, Eric Mueller, Ron Cervero, Ralph Johnson, Tom Jackson, Alison Alexander, William Rooks, Jessica Seagraves, William Vencill

Guests: Barbara White, Greg Ashley

Meeting began at 2:35 pm.

Dr. Barbara White, the CIO at the University of Georgia, provided a presentation on technology issues at UGA related to strategic planning. Her slide presentation is posted on the Strategic Planning web site.

Spending on central information technology at UGA is 25% lower than peer institutions and 50% of aspirational institutions.

The core IT structure at UGA needs to be able to accommodate future growth in students and particularly graduate students who by nature of their programs have higher research needs.

The underlying software that runs the student information system at UGA is 35 years old and desperately needs updating if UGA is to properly accommodate future student needs. The estimated costs for replacement is \$13 million. Replacing this system is not an option if UGA is to maintain adequate student information services for registration and financial aid. Replacement may require innovative revenue streams.

A question was raised about technology needs of the libraries. The budget for the online journals comes from the libraries but the delivery to faculty, staff, and students requires adequate computing infrastructure. This demand will only grow in the future.

If UGA is to be more involved in distance education, a more robust technology infrastructure will be required.

The point was made the programs such as the medical program will require more technology infrastructure.

UGA is partnering with Georgia Tech, Georgia State, and the Medical College of Georgia to pool resources for research computing and for areas such as off-campus disaster recovery.

Meeting ended at 3:45 pm.