

Computer Replacement Policy for AY 2015-16

Background:

This policy was crafted in accordance with the S&FB proposal approved by Faculty Assembly (April 21, 2015) and Provost Schuster for AY 2015-16.

Wed., April 22, 2015: Meeting with Ken Freeman (CIO), Jeff Carter (Salary & Fringe Benefits Committee, Department of Music), John Aleshunas (Faculty Senate, Department of Math/Computer Science) and Gwyneth Williams (President, Faculty Senate):

After a thorough discussion on a variety of issues surrounding the faculty and computing needs, the following agreement was reached. It has been approved by Ken Freeman and the Salary & Fringe Benefit Committee.

Computer Replacement Policy:

Computer Replacements:

1. The laptop replacement policy will continue according to the industry standard of four to five years. This may be adjusted as industry standards change.
2. The Windows 7 migration will result in older PCs being replaced in the next few months.
3. There are between 30 and 40 faculty members who are using Mac laptops that are older than 4 years. These will be replaced, and should be ready for faculty in time for fall semester 2015.

Caveat to above: On occasion, there may be major “one time” projects (such as the current Windows 7 migration) that will result in the replacement cycle being temporarily adjusted.

Going forward:

1. The long term strategy of the IT department will be to utilize new industry standard software & practice such as VDI (Virtual Desktop Integration). This may mean that the interval for replacing equipment will change as more of the software used daily no longer resides on a computer.
2. Two faculty members will join the CIO’s Council, which meets approximately four times per academic year. This will increase faculty input into decisions involving academic computing needs, and encourage two-way communication.
3. Terri Lucas is IT’s Academic Liaison with the faculty. There are individuals designated in each school/college who will report faculty needs to Terri. In addition, department chairs need to be sure that there is a competent person in their department who will be the IT liaison with the school/college designee.

Below is the contact information for individuals that Terri Lucas meets with as part of her responsibilities as the IT Organization Academic Liaison for the University.

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