

December 19, 2005 Computing Advisory Committee Report

Curt Wilson reported that IT is working on a policy regarding the Personal Information Protection Act. The act states that data collectors must notify Illinois residents if there has been a breach of security and personal information such as SSN, driver's license number or credit card number, has been obtained. A draft copy of the policy, along with a related article, was made available. Transmission of sensitive information through email was discussed as one possible source of information theft. Since emails are transmitted in plain text, they may be intercepted prior to reaching the recipient. PGP was discussed as one alternative to encrypt data prior to transmission. At the time of meeting, IT had no plans to purchase software. A free alternative is available and is being tested by a few people on campus.

IT is currently providing web hosting and maintenance for a fee. Several packages are available.

Discussion of the expansion of email addresses from eight characters was continued from the previous meeting. John Cotter from Aviation expressed the desire to expand the email to use full names. This can not be done currently because of the need for interaction with some of the older equipment.

Don Olson provided an update on the Student Information System upgrade. Scott Bridges was hired as the project coordinator and a timeline has been created on-line to give updates on the project. Two vendors, SCT and Oracle/People Soft were expected to bid on the project. Information on key dates is available at <http://salukinet.siu.edu/SISnews>.

Don Olson updated the committee on the status of the Undergraduate Student Technology Fee disbursement. Most of the money has been allocated and notifications of funding were being sent. Don expects to have one more meeting to disburse the unused portion of the allocations.

The next CAC meeting will be Wednesday, March 29