

SCSC meeting minutes 2011-01-28

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Present: Amber Boehnlein, Arno Candel, Ashley Deacon, Richard Dubois, Thomas Eriksson, Imre Kabai, Stuart Marshall, Randy Melen, Brian Moritz, Amedeo Perazzo, Vineet Rawat.

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Minutes:

- Amber was introduced to members of the committee
- Richard briefly described the differences between the SCSC's and IT SubCouncil's mandates
- [IT SubCouncil update](#)
 - Imre discussed the [Methodology for making IT Roadmaps](#)
 - Roadmaps:
 - provide high-level project plans including all dependencies, costs, incurred losses if the project were not completed, and resources;
 - have an outlook of 0-5 years;
 - are sliced according to 30 IT technology domains; and
 - are presented to the CIO and IT SubCouncil
 - Database roadmap provides an example
 - Stuart summarized the state of desktop and Apple support SLAs
 - input is still required to identify user needs (to be discussed with, perhaps, Rafael, Tony)
 - desktop support document needs further development (lack of structure/organization, some content missing)
 - committee members requested access to the desktop and Apple support documents
 - Stuart discussed the review of IT's eleven service portfolios; future SubCouncil meetings will cover the items in detail
- Imre updated the status of the forum tool search
 - [handout provided with relevant details](#)
 - FUDForum is the recommended tool
 - test instance available [here](#)
 - Crowd was explained (consolidates identities from multiple sources, e.g., JIRA, UNIX, Windows, and its own credentialing); Confluence will soon switch over
- Richard and Randy updated search for new storage vendor(s)
 - some possibilities included NexSAN, Dell (mid-range), other suggestions provided by Amedeo
 - Randy described problems getting no-cost P.O.s and getting vendors for test rackings due to required safety training
 - Amedeo, Stuart and Tom will meet with Lance to discuss how they can help
- Arno updated the Sci. Comp. seminar series planning (reviewed [minutes of previous meeting](#))
 - Richard reported that we'd get no help from above in funding coffee and snacks (lab policy that only the colloquium series gets this type of support)
 - Amedeo has someone in mind to represent LCLS; Brian will look for a Photon Science rep., if unsuccessful, he'll take the job
 - expressed need for SLAC Sci. Comp. mailing list (or equivalent), Henry had some ideas about mailing lists for campus
 - Stuart mentioned only audio recording available in Kavli (though much of the infrastructure is there)
 - no objections to the proposed timeline, Ashley suggests coordinating timing with other seminar series (alternating weeks, months, etc.)
 - Randy believes the IT&T seminar series failed due to a lack of a broad set of interesting talks, stressing the need for a strong lineup at the outset
 - possible venues discussed, Kavli 3rd floor seems best, seats about 40 to promote interactivity, but is in high demand and may be tough to book
- Richard discussed shifting the timeline by a couple of months to allow Amber (who starts April 25, tentatively) to settle in and participate in the organization of the Sci. Comp. Jamboree
 - Sci. Comp. Jamboree at end of May (~6 weeks to organize with Amber)
 - major goal will be a Tech. Roadmap around four months after the Jamboree
 - SCSC to serve as organizing committee for Jamboree
- Richard discussed other business
 - Amedeo has been asked to serve as the SCSC's deputy chair and is considering the offer
 - Skype usage (and the 56kbps penalty box) continues to be a problem
 - visitors in particular get no information about what they've done wrong
 - CERN has instructions on disabling Skype's supernode [here](#)
 - Randy proposed meeting with Bob, Les and Norm to figure out how to best resolve the issue
 - those who would like to be included should contact Randy
 - Recharge probably needs revisiting, it may not be workable in its current form
 - How can the 5.5 FTEs deal with the fluctuation in support requirements?
 - Is there other lab work they can shift to and from?
 - Should the ALDs absorb the fluctuations via fixed costs?
- Next meeting: Monday, February 14, 2011

Actions:

- Stuart to provide desktop and Apple support documents
- Imre to upload his [handout re. forum tool search](#)
- All are welcome to [test FUDForum](#) and provide feedback
- Amedeo, Stuart and Tom to meet with Lance to discuss possible roles in storage vendor search
- Amedeo and Brian to look for Sci. Comp. seminar working group members from LCLS and Photon Science, respectively
- Arno to investigate timing and venue for seminars, funding for coffee and cookies, SLAC-wide promotion
- Sci. Comp. seminar working group to line up possible speakers from their directorates
- Richard to update the timeline with a delay of about two months
- Think about theme/direction for Jamboree to tie together the lab's Sci. Comp. efforts

- Amedeo to respond to SCSC's deputy-chair offer
- Randy to organize meeting regarding Skype usage at SLAC (all those interested in attending should contact Randy)