Members:

Ethan Munson, Chair  Assoc  Computer Sci
Jacques Du Plessis  Asst  School of Info Studies
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James Dicker  AS  Architecture
Gregory Iverson  Prof  Foreign Lang & Ling
Edward Mabry  Assoc  Communication
Alan Aycock  AS  Libraries
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Leonard Parker  Prof  Physics
Michael Utzinger  Assoc  Architecture
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Michael Wilson  Assoc  English
David Yu  Prof  Elec Engin & Comp Sci
Bruce Maas  Int Dir  Info & Media Tech
Laura Pedrick  AS  Provost’s Rep

Charter:
Functions/ Responsibilities:

A3.2 Information Technology Policy Committee

(1) Membership. Eighteen members as follows: eight elected faculty; two from each division of the University, elected by division; four appointed faculty, one from each division appointed by the Chancellor from nominations submitted by the University Committee; three elected members of the academic staff, with at least one representing full-time teaching staff; one student; and, ex-officio, the Director of Information and Media Technologies, and a representative of the Provost.

(2) Functions.
Makes recommendations to the faculty and campus administration regarding (a) policy or information technology and its use; (b) the coordination of service delivery by all campus information technology units, including monitoring, overlap, conflicts and inefficiencies; and (c) the implementation of decisions pertaining to information technology and related services.

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Meetings:

September 15, 2006
October 13, 2006
November 3, 2006
December 15, 2006
February 2, 2007
March 2, 2007
April 6, 2007
May 4, 2007

Major Accomplishments:

Professor Ethan Munson was elected as the chair of the ITPC for 2006-07 at the first meeting of the committee on September 15, 2007. In addition to receiving reports on summer IT developments, the committee had the first of several discussions regarding a proposed Information Security Policy.

The committee provided feedback to I&MT on proposed self-service ePantherID password reset procedures based upon a set of challenge-response questions. Such procedures will enable faculty and staff to reset forgotten passwords without the need for intervention by an IT staff person.

The committee spent time preparing for, and then engaging in a frank discussion of IT issues with the Provost at the November meeting. The qualifications of candidates for the upcoming CIO were discussed. The Provost described the progress that was made in regards to increased professional development for I&MT staff and the commitment of regular funding for central server replacement. She stressed that I&MT will need to identify funding for innovation despite the fiscal pressures they are under. The Provost emphasized the need for the University to be pro-active in terms of securing sensitive data and the committee again discussed the proposed Information Security Policy. The Provost voiced her support for ongoing efforts, within UWM and with regional partners, to develop high performance computing capabilities to support research. She explained that business process improvements and overall efficiencies are important to the Provosts at all of the UW System institutions. In regards to IT and learning, she explained that the campus goals are to establish new graduate niche markets for UWM and to connect the hybrid/blended initiative to the undergraduate Access to Success initiatives. She also updated the committee on the progress that has been made toward the nine goals that were identified in the 2004 IT Review. Throughout the discussion, the committee members freely voiced their observations, opinions and suggestions regarding all of these topics.

In the spring, the committee reviewed the work of the Email/Calendaring Core Service Team which recommended the selection of the Zimbra product. Interim CIO Bruce Maas provided the committee with additional information on the changes that were engendered by the IT Review. There was consensus on the need for a campus process for prioritizing IT projects.

In April, the committee again discussed the proposed Information Security Policy and suggestions from the members were incorporated into subsequent drafts.
In May, the committee re-elected Prof. Ethan Munson as chair for 2007-08. A representative from the University Police discussed campus security in light of the shootings at Virginia Tech. The draft Information Security Policy was again discussed and editorial changes made. The committee voted to recommend the policy to the University Committee.

The committee also passed a resolution which stated, “ITPC shall (a) annually, or as needed, engage in the mutual exchange of relevant academic planning and budget information with APBC, (b) arrange for a member of ITPC to attend meetings of the APBC, (c) invite a member of APBC to attend ITPC meetings, and (d) arrange for periodic joint meetings of the APBC and ITPC as the convergence of their mutual interests dictate.”

The committee also discussed a resolution that called for treating the campus information technology infrastructure as equivalent in importance to other ongoing priority initiatives like improving faculty compensation, faculty recruitment, student recruitment, community involvement, and inflation adjusted institutional budget growth. Due to a lack of time, the committee agreed to continue the discussion via email during the summer.