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The IT committee met once on 10/14/2011 and plans to meet approximately monthly or as need dictates. Attached is a summary of items under consideration. Formal minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next committee meeting in early November 2011. The more detailed minutes will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate when approved by the committee.

- I) Chris Flannagan and Tim Wertz (CaTS) made a demonstration of the Tegrity lecture capture system. The system is currently being tested by a small group of WSU faculty in anticipation of roll out to all faculty. A formal project is being added to discuss specific details of that rollout.
- II) John Gallagher informed the committee that it might be charged to offer to study and offer comment upon the impacts of an up to six million dollar shortfall in funding to OhioLink. This shortfall would likely effect subscriptions to professional journals state wide and the faculty senate will need to provide input on maintaining access to critical research resources.
- III) CaTS wishes consideration of outsourcing of faculty/staff email as has been done with student email. Outsourcing the handling of faculty/staff email will be added as formal project for consideration in this year. It is expected that both technical and legal ramifications will require investigation and comment.
- IV) Rudy Fichtenbaum requested that the committee look into computer backup solutions for faculty. Larry Fox reported that there had been some discussion of backup strategies in the past, although it seems there has been no formal action item started. Larry Fox has agreed to begin investigation of alternatives and the committee and a formal project will be added to facilitate tracking.
- V) Dan DeStephen reported that students are beginning to request that faculty evaluations be conducted online for all faculty, as opposed to current practice where evaluations are conducted online only for online courses. In ensuing discussion, it was concluded that any such changes would need to be evaluated with respect to the CPA before implementing.
- VI) A request was made that DPOs be added to workflow in WingsExpress. Larry Fox volunteered to investigate and get back to the committee.
- VII) The committee reviewed current and pending CaTS projects as listed on the faculty senate web page.