Allen Hall Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2013

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<td>Ken Doxsee, Sue Eveland, Cathleen Leue, Patrick Phillips, Brett Rogers, Micah Sardell, Gerald Tindal, Melissa Woo</td>
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I. Announcements
The purpose of the meeting is to recommend a funding model for the Allen Hall Data Center. Micah has researched several options for a potential model.

II. Discussion

- Information Services was not provided funding for ongoing support of the Allen Hall data center. There are many costs involved with continuing support for the Allen Hall data center that have an impact on multiple groups in the University, e.g., Campus Operations. The Steering Committee will need to recommend models for funding the “cost of doing business.” There is also the issue of the upfront cost of personnel: if this is considered a service center, how are initial costs handled when there is no startup funding?
- What funding method would be culturally acceptable at UO? Micah’s research suggests that different models apportion costs at different levels. The University of Washington brought in a consultant to evaluate funding models. They set their price based on market factors and charge for partial rack space instead of per unit. The result is groups pay for rack space that is unused. Going with a per-unit charge could result in a funding gap if all racks are not used.
- Will departments be subsidized? Will external groups be charged the full cost of using the center, perhaps through an energy tax? Is it possible to charge for 5 years of service up front as a lock-in rate? This may not be possible, as the center may be considered a Core Facility, meaning it needs to break even every year, which, in turn, means that rates should be reevaluated each year.
- How to get departments on board? Departments may not switch to the data center until they are having problems. We are able to provide seismic protection, which could be a marketing factor. Perhaps offer “transition services” to departments, not just “rent.”

III. Conclusions
- Proposed: $750/RU (rack unit) annual cost to departments to use the data center. This would cover costs, personnel and depreciation, and would be close to break-even.

IV. Action Items
- All: Email your feedback to Melissa regarding fees.
- All: Send feedback to Micah regarding the Service Description Document, and he will formalize the document.
- Melissa: After feedback on proposed fees is provided, the next step will be to discuss potential funding models with the VP of Finance and Administration.

Next Meeting: Not scheduled
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