# Infrastructure Technologies Advisory Group

Agenda/Notes

# March 4, 2021

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**Open Position**

* Taking resumes to fill IPAM position - Closed the position to begin interviews
* Construction Manager position open
* Research Facilitation - positions posted

**ITSM**

* Next Phase of ITSM Planning
  + Event Management - postponing for now but will gradually ease into early process work
  + IT Service Catalogs for Colleges and Divisions
* Training
  + ServiceNow: Getting Smart with Knowledge
  + ServiceNow: Working in the Platform
* CMDB
  + SCCM, JamfPro integration is complete
* ITSM Phase 3 highlights
  + Change Management
    - Expand change management using the ServiceNow platform to campus units with CALS, Engineering, and Extension being the initial teams for adoption.
  + Knowledge
    - Make additional knowledge resources and features available.
    - Implement Knowledge portal functionality in IT Service Portal.
  + CMDB
    - Import endpoints from the remaining CMSs (Meraki, Puppet); perform service mapping for 10 OIT service offerings; onboarding OIT storage CIs; expand CMDB to campus units

**Server Infrastructure**

* DC2 Data Domain move to EDC (primary backup storage)
  + 3/31/2021 - CR [CHG0030594](https://ncsu.service-now.com/nav_to.do?uri=%2Fchange_request.do%3Fsys_id%3Dc4816f2d1b66a0504d506288bd4bcb73%26sysparm_record_target%3Dchange_request%26sysparm_record_row%3D21%26sysparm_record_rows%3D23%26sysparm_record_list%3Dactive%3Dtrue%5EORDERBYstart_date)

**Storage Infrastructure**

* OIT Storage and VM rate refresh FY20-21 published
  + [Storage Rates](https://oit.ncsu.edu/campus-it/oit-general-storage-services/)
  + [VM hosting rates](https://oit.ncsu.edu/campus-it/virtual-hosting/pricing-and-billing/)

**Software Infrastructure**

* RedHat Licensing
  + OEL (7.9 and 8) were made available to install via PXE from Foreman in early February
  + Library and ECE to evaluate respective applications.
* EPS for Linux desktops and laptops
  + We have resumed some work to coordinate with CLS and update the documentation.
  + Target to get initial documentation ready for review and establish the basic reporting functionality for S&C by the end of April.
* Sysnews Monitoring and Notification
  + At this time we have ~1200 systems running in parallel with the current Sysnews Nagios.
  + Final shutdown of Nagios / pager.ncsu.edu is set for 3/31/2021
* Weekly Monitoring Work Session/Discussions have begun( 2/1/2021 )
  + - This forum is being provided for existing customers and onboarding customers to ask questions, break away with CSI members to work on issues, etc. All current Nagios / pager.ncsu.edu groups have been extended an invite. If there is a desire to attend, please send a Servicenow ticket to OIT\_UNIX and we can invite you to future discussions. CSI intends to keep these meetings going through the end of March 2021.
    - Group level training / demo sessions are being scheduled per request. Please let CSI know if you need help and with what areas of the new environment that needs to be covered.
    - A post go-live document is being shared to track future enhancements and requests. This may end up being shared as a public facing Kanban out of github.ncsu.edu.
  + Please submit a Servicenow ticket to the OIT\_UNIX queue and provide a good contact and current on call group( if you have one ) to begin the process of moving over.

**Campus Network**

* Now focusing on core firewall upgrade -
  + Next context to migrate to the Palo Alto is Spidercloud on 3/10.
* Backbone/core updates - Starting to evaluate various Cisco platforms/architectures, have ordered equipment for lab
* Life Safety Centrex Replacement
  + SMDF - cutover in progress
  + CMDF/WMDF - construction in progress
* Redundant fiber entrances - SMDF zone - construction in progress

**Access Layer**

* TUNAMELT project - 3560x switches - designs completed (48%)
* Planning for next big upgrade (FY23 - FY25)
* New UPS’s - (APC) - first deployments this month

**Data Center**

* DC1 Decommissioning
  + Working on electrical/mechanical system decommissioning
* DC2 - going with COLO option - awaiting FORMAL approval of funding request
* Parking lot item - “virtual data center” – 9/3/20 conversation confirms there’s still some need for “flat” networks outside the data center (new fabric facilitates this among data centers).
* General service offering for colo - the more we get into this, not sure “general offering” is shaping up to be as standardized as imagined
  + Intake processes being refined -- email jdperry5@ncsu.edu for intake
  + Cost model for rack space - [current draft](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MQhV3Q25NK4AuoIJWamuWuV-yl7auDlI6IqyqLAdaUg/edit#gid=826436317) - these costs will hold through June 2021 (in the process of confirming DIT rates but likely no change through June 2022)
  + Special challenges of tape libraries - need to change tapes on a regular basis, etc

**CATV**

**MDFs**

* NMDF - final design review comments being worked through
* Lake Wheeler MDF - design in progress
* New MDF UPS standard - RFP on street

**Infrastructure Records**

* Outside plant inventory project - creating database and drawings for 500+ manholes

**Building Infrastructure Projects**

* Construction – Alpha Delta Pi, Lake Wheeler Islands 1-3
* Substantial completion - Student Health (last CAT5 buildings on campus minus four Greek houses - to be demolished)

**Cellular/mobile**

* Small cell consultant hired - Gunnerson Consulting

**IT Strategic Planning**

* Awaiting more information around the University Strategic Plan
* Currently drafting a stream-lined cyber infrastructure plan and will circulate draft in coming months (targeting late summer completion)

**Unified Communications**

* Life Safety rollout underway
  + Working on SMDF transition
  + Preparing for CMDF transition
* Call Recording EOL / new version is cloud
* Partner Updates: UNCG, App State, NC A&T, Pembroke
* NC DIT -- Tools, Training, Support -- providing 24/7 monitoring as of 3/1/2021
* Evaluating hybrid service for cloud integration
* Planning for SRTP rollout (call encryption)
* Investigation of options for spam blocking and text messaging

**Systems & Development**

* Tools Updates
  + Developing life safety logging and reporting system
  + Developing automated provisioning process for UPS deployment
  + Developing automated process for switch replacement
* Collaborating on architecture for container service
* Pulling outside plant copper into EPIC
* DC2 server cleanup / decom
  + 4 servers need code refactor
  + 15 servers to be surplussed

## Wireless

* Wi-Fi 6 Project - design: Jordan, EB2, Park Shops, Patterson, MRC
* Wi-Fi 6 Project - construction: Jordan Addition, Textiles, Leazar, David Clark Labs, Ricks Annex
* Other Projects -: 210 Classrooms (completed)
* Outdoor Wireless: on hold pending advice from small cell consultant
* Now tracking wireless metrics as part of overall [monthly metrics](https://oit.ncsu.edu/campus-it/campus-data-network/communication-technologies-metrics/)
* Look at practicality of loaning out to departmental staff - No movement on testing more handheld devices

**Budget**

* Next years rates staying the same - impacts refresh frequency rates and we’ll continue to lobby for one-time funding to keep the wireless upgrade/expansion moving forward

### Parking Lot Items

* Routing licenses at the BDF level – Interim solution is 50/50 when “desired”, ComTech funds when required. Building level routing is part of design discussions for new core/distribution layer architecture - appears to be the direction as of early 2021.

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## Cadence of InTAG - shorter? Less frequent (every other month)?

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

* Next InTAG Meeting – April 1, 2021 9:30am