CCSG Meeting Notes—April 27, 2010

1. Welcome and Acknowledgments

CCSG would like to acknowledge the following contributors to today’s meeting: Merry Rankin, ISU Sustainability Director; Troy Van De Kreeke and Cheryl Langston, ITS.

2. Announcements

a) Discontinuance of Linux Multi-User SAS Service

The date for the shutdown of the multi-user Linux SAS machine is June 11, 2010. If that’s going to impact anyone, please take note.

b) Annual Renewal of Red Hat Enterprise Linux License – Dan Carlile

It is time to renew the license for Red Hat Enterprise Linux. This license is generously supported by a number of departments as well as ITS, for which Linux users on campus are grateful. To contribute, contact Julie Kirts.

c) Reminder: Heartland GreenUP IT Symposium & Expo

Merry Rankin sent an announcement: The Heartland GreenUP IT Symposium and Expo is May 4 and 5 at the Meadows Events and Conference Center. Topics include reducing energy consumption in the data center and alternative energy technologies. You can attend for $199 ($29 for students) or attend virtually in Second Life for free. More info: http://www.technologyiowa.org/en/events_services/the_heartland_greenup/

d) Reminder: SPSS Update Meeting After CCSG Meeting

Immediately after the CCSG meeting today, Dan will lead a discussion of where we’re going with SPSS for interested parties. There have been changes in the licensing fees and structure.

3. Discussion Topics

a) ITS Virtual Server Offering – Troy Van De Kreeke, ITS

ITS now has the capacity to offer this service to campus. Information is available in the IT Services Catalog; the link is on the righthand side of the page at http://www.it.iastate/.

If you’re interested, we reached the “Ongoing” portion of the timeline reflected on the CIO website, http://www.cio.iastate.edu/projects/server-virtualization/.

Pricing is available at http://www.it.iastate.edu/vm/. The page also includes a link to the request form. You will need a valid fund account number from your department.

We will be having a VMware day, as we recently signed a new contract for full enterprise plus support including maintenance. The vendor will be coming May 11 or 13 to do a full day of product overviews, hands-on sessions, and other things. Mike Lohrbach will send out more information as soon as the date firms up.
If you want to request a service, use the online form. If you have questions, contact Troy or Mike Lohrbach.

b) Recent Problems with VirusScan Enterprise – Mike Lohrbach

On April 21 about 11:04 a.m., we received notification from McAfee that there was a bad DAT release; unfortunately, that DAT had already hit campus at about 10 a.m.

McAfee is not the only AV manufacturer to have this kind of problem. We could have DATs go to an evaluation branch on ePO where we hold them for testing; in that case, we’d be 24 hours behind in the production branch, but you would be less likely to encounter this problem. We can set ePO up so that you can subscribe a machine to either the evaluation or production branches.

We have also started evaluating our AV contract to determine if we want to consider changing security products.

c) Des Moines Register Malware Infestation – Wayne Hauber

Wayne reported on the Torpig/Mebroot virus.

d) CCSG Planning Going Forward – Cheryl Langston, ITS

This is Dan’s last CCSG meeting; he is leaving the University next week. Cheryl invites everyone to send her feedback; someone else will be creating agendas, leading the meetings, etc. If there are ways we can partner with you, or changes to the format that would be useful to you, please email langston@iastate.edu.

4. New Business

Ted Petersen asks: Is anyone currently running JMP on Linux? Version 9 doesn’t have a Linux version, and they do not plan to develop future versions. Ted sent out an email a while back asking if there was any concern; he didn’t get any feedback then.

5. Next Meeting

Scheduled for May 25, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in 206 Durham Center.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.