May 22, 2013 – FLITE Technology Meeting Agenda

Chairperson: Scott Garrison

Present: Scott Garrison, Josie VanAvery, Kristy Motz, Leeann O'Neal, Randall Schroeder, Mike Johnson, Rick Bearden, Leah Monger, Scott Claerhout, Emily Mitchell, Kriss Tessin.

Topics for Discussion

AD Migration Overview – Scott Claerhout
Scott C. noted that we will be changing from Novell Directory services (NDS) to Active Directory (AD) and that will happen within two phases at FLITE. Currently, many programs are hooked up to NDS: File servers for data storage, My FSU, Aim, FC, WiFi, Banner and many other Ferris resources.

The AD (Active Directory) migration will be completed by late summer. Scott also noted that the current NDS system will remain active during the transition period but it will eventually be phased out by January, 2014. Therefore, initially each user will have another user account requiring a new User ID for the AD account. The AD service will require new file servers and the data from all Novell servers will be eventually transferred to the AD servers.

Scott G., simplifying his interpretation of the process, noted that the first phase to complete would involve moving the file server data over and setting up user accounts to access the directory and the second phase would be bringing the rest of the enterprise access to the AD.

Scott C. noted that the tentative date for migration of the FLITE faculty and staff computers will be 6/24/13.

Rick suggested that the Novell ID password expiration be extended out past completion of the phases to make it easier for library faculty and staff during the transition. He feels that it will prevent a fair amount of aggravation. Access to files will be similar but the folder structure is likely going to change.
Action: Rick will request the password extension via email to Jake Bouverette.

Scott C. noted that some locations on campus are already using the Active Directory.

After an inquiry from Kristy regarding the WiFi access, Scott C. noted that WiFi access will remain with Novell until approximately the beginning of the fall semester but no definite date has been determined due to many factors. He will work with Rick regarding that issue. When that phase is scheduled, an email will be sent out to the campus to inform them when the AD password will connect them to WiFi. This stage of the project is expected to be completed by the start of the fall semester.

One difference noted about the terminology used for the location of the domains within the directory is that for Novell it is a tree and for AD, it is a forest. There are two forests in AD – ferris.local (Ferris_AD) and student.local (Student_AD).

The authentication domain for Ferris employees and all FSU resources (computers, printers, servers, etc.) will be in Ferris_AD and student login ID"s will be in Student_AD.

Scott C. noted the following.
- All computers will be put in the ferris.local domain,
- If students need access to flite file shares, we will need to submit a request.
- The drives will be standardized.
  - H-home drive.
  - J-other drives (all others will be placed in the J-drive).

Rick noted that once everything is placed in the J drive, FLITE folders will need to be mapped so FLITE personnel may find their appropriate folders.

For simplicity, Scott C. suggested that FLITE personnel should make a desktop shortcut to their favorite folder.

Scott G. inquired about the AA shared drives as to what the process will be to access those files.

Scott C. noted that until this AA folder is migrated, NetStorage (Novell) also called Virtual office can be used to access these files. AD's version of this access is called Web storage and can be used on mobile devices. Also noted was that the L drive, which some use as a starting point for accessing files/folders will go away. Most of the content on the L drive used by faculty has been placed in FerrisConnect.

Scott C. noted IT is working with the COT and GR to determine how they used the L drive to determine if FerrisConnect is a legitimate solution for their needs.

Scott G. asked if there will be a way to provide guest access for the computers used by BRCL after the AD is operative.

Scott C. noted that will be possible if the local user account (FSU) can be considered. For those areas that will only be used by FSU students, the local user account (FSU) will need to be removed.

Rick noted the extreme importance of the student ID within the AD for access to FLITE's databases.

Currently, the AD migration team is creating ID"S for the following:
        User Accounts
- Lab/Classroom Accounts
- Service Accounts

Kristy suggested that a recap on the AD for the June Technology meeting would be appreciated.

Scott C. agreed and also noted that IT will host sessions during the summer to help migrate faculty laptops to the AD directory.

The theory is for the migration to be scheduled and happen when the faculty log in to Novell from their workstations.

Rick noted he placed an email out about the shared information.

Scott C. noted that IT is simplifying the file system as much as possible.

Leah noted that FLITE might want to change the name of the Timme drive to something referring more to the library.

Scott C. suggested that if this needs to be changed, it should be changed now rather than later.

Other business/roundtable

Scott G. noted he will not be here for the next meeting and asked if the group wanted to meet without him.

Rick suggested that we should meet due to the AD migration and to discuss any new issues.

Scott G. noted that the June meeting should include discussion on room 446 and the following.
- ❖ Publicity for fall
- ❖ Ad update
- ❖ Primo update
- ❖ Prep for fall
- ❖ Wireless

- ❖ Printing
- ❖ New checkout laptops
- ❖ Discovery System

Scott G. noted the arrival date for the BRCL has been pushed back to August 5.

Leah inquired about the BRCL computer on the fourth floor as to whether it will be connected to Charter network.

Mike thought it probably should be connected to Charter.
Action: Scott G. will follow-up on that issue.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:05

Next FLITE Technology Meeting

June 26, 2013 / 10:00-11:00 a.m.