2016-10-26_ITCommitteeAgenda/Minutes

Minutes:
Present: Siri, Steffi, Tom, Chris, Rorik

Discussion - Strategic Pathways Phase 1, feedback, responses
https://www.alaska.edu/files/pathways/IT-9-15-16.jpg

Discussion of Strategic Pathways decision (see link) highlighted the following points **(please add or fix if I don't render these points correctly):**

- Choice to reduce embedded IT personnel as a cost-saving measure may not save much money: following recent cuts, there is no excess capacity. Moving embedded personnel from departments to a centralized group would not save any money.
- While some embedded IT personnel may be doing localized service that is not different in content from what a centralized staff member could do, this is not always the case. Library IT, for example, has particular needs that can be much more efficiently met by an embedded staffer who knows the systems involved. (Other examples?)
- Much greater savings could be attained by concentrating on the systems that connect MAUs - the administrative side of IT.

Action item: We will begin a response document, which will take the form of a memo to President Johnson. Committee members are invited to contribute to this document, which the chair will begin and structure. The link to the draft document is here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oC0NAISNDT6rmfegNiW0rQ69qhaIR4Prwn2wQPKBPt8/edit

Meetings: When?
We will need to meet prior to Thanksgiving week since the chair is missing November 19-26. December meeting should happen the week of December 12.

Chair created a Doodle poll for the November meeting. Link:

http://doodle.com/poll/wm3pytwr524a636c

We would like to talk about something else this year besides Strategic Pathways. Topics for meetings may be suggested here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zA39S0aP9Y9-dxsHFMnAfF5yVOKqDupoKFmUqJCJZDA/edit