CCCCO System-wide Architecture Committee (SAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 27, 2017
Zoom Online Meeting

Attendees: Tim Calhoon, Bob Hughes, Cliff Sharp, Jorge Sales, Dave Fuhrmann, Lou Delzompo, Joe Perret, Rico Bianchi, Joe Moreau, and Bruce Racheter.

Call to Order:

Tim Calhoon called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and took attendance.

Minutes:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes for June 22, 2017. The committee approved the minutes.

System Updates:

CENIC Update:

Tim is just coming back from the CENIC Board meeting where a big topic in the strategic plan for the next three years was getting better connectivity out to far flung edges of California and the colleges, libraries, and K-12 schools in those areas. CENIC has hired project management people and they also seem to be on top of upgrading operations. Van Ton-Quinlivan is now on the CENIC Board as well.

There is also a lot of research going on at UC, Stanford, and USC. They are starting to have software defined networking. As a result, they are talking about retraining engineers, since they are used to working on networks as they exist today. Discussion is about really growing and transforming the network.

There are currently about forty circuits completed and ninety in the process of being upgraded. There are about thirty more that will soon be added to the "in progress" list. There is so much work going on they are now ordering 10 Gig routers in bulk. The paperwork is getting wrapped up for the $50K mini-grants to support 10 Gig connections. Colleges just need to submit a plan in order to qualify for that funding to help support connectivity.

Joe Moreau noted DeAnza had a great experience getting their 10 Gig circuit. Everyone seemed to be on top of their game, and they were deeply grateful to be able to quickly and with little disruption, replace their saturated circuit.

Education Planning Initiative (EPI):

The new C-ID and CO-CI systems have been released. There may be bug fix upgrades to come, but they are basically going into maintenance. The statewide Academic Senate has received funding from the legislature to support C-ID going forward.

Tom Andriola at the UC Office of the President reported to Tim they found a new vendor for ASSIST to replace Governet. They want to do a technology review to see if they can speed things up.

Hobsons is pushing forward and getting close to wrapping up the pilot portion. All or almost all of them are live and there are another twenty or so in the hopper.

The MyPath student portal upgrade will be released in August. It will add features that communicate better allowing the Chancellor's Office to point their websites at it. That communications vehicle will end up looking a little less like a portal and more like a website. There are about six colleges, other than Santa Rosa, in the process of implementing MyPath.

Lou just finished a presentation at the SSP (MyPath) Committee today. They are interested in Glue helping provide better interconnection between the SIS and the portal. They want to prioritize some of that Glue work for EPI. At that meeting, Pedro Avila asked whether Glue was still needed since Ellucian is developing Ethos. Glue does things that Ethos doesn't and Ethos does things that Glue doesn't. Lou explained Ethos will help with connection between Ellucian tools, but Glue will still be needed for connection to third party tools and for master data management (MDM) which is not included in Ethos. As far as Lou knows, Glue work is still well-aligned. He will speak with Ellucian about what their sales team is saying in the field. Ventura just got legal approval from Ellucian to host their Banner 9 instance in the Technology Center Amazon account, so it should be possible to do the Ethos work directly now. Engineers are assigned to that ongoing project.

Common Assessment (CAI):

Common Assessment is in the middle of the ninety day pause period right now. They are working to produce a number of documents related to validation of the test and building the test package. Everything else on Common Assessment is moving forward: item testing is in place, bias panel work is going on, and the platform is in development and will be put out in its final version into pilot the end of August or beginning of September. The technology is going really well. CAI is also pushing forward on working with McCann on the machine scored writing sample to be added on to the Common Assessment package. The team is also pushing forward with pre-assessment work.

Online Education (OEI):

Joe Moreau reported the great news that the adopted state budget included the $10M per year in additional ongoing funding to ensure the ability to fully and completely fund Canvas centrally. That will also support excellent resources around Glue and MDM to fully complement the efforts of the OEI team. The project is in year five and is getting ready to respond to a renewal RFA later this year. There are now 108 colleges on Canvas and the remaining five are looking at contracts and other issues that have delayed their adoption.

The @ONE project moved to Foothill-DeAnza effective July 1st. That should give some great opportunities to align professional development services for the state with online education programs. With the ongoing expert guidance of Rico and his team, the Online Teaching Conference was held last month with record attendance of over 1000 participants and really positive feedback.

OEI is continuing to work on things around accessibility for all of their complementary services to the LMS. Those services include: tutoring, proctoring, and counseling. They are also looking at integrating with projects such as EPI and CAI where they are relevant as well.

Lou reported there was just a "go, no-go" meeting on moving the next version of the Course Exchange into pilot and it is a "go." That will come in the next two weeks and will start the pilot period rolling up with the pilot schools to the full release in September. It includes the financial aid support as well as a few improvements in other areas. They are working diligently to provide support for Canvas in Glue. The intent is to release that as soon as possible to provide support for automation of student account creation in Canvas based on rules that a college would set up about when in the enrollment process they wanted the account created and when they wanted the course shells to become visible.

Additionally, there is work ongoing to produce a data warehouse that will hold all the Canvas data from each school. There is good initial progress, but it is only about ten days old as a development workflow. They are hoping to allow pilots to start work with the data warehouse in October. They plan to include CCCApply, CCCAssess and Canvas data in that initial data warehouse roll out. Lou is concerned about where everything is with data governance and is hopeful that Vice Chancellor Connick will provide some insight into where the system stands on that initiative soon.

Joe noted the OEI team, with great collaboration from the Chancellor's Office, has been able to identify a sponsor for legislation that will allow state residency reciprocity between colleges working in the OEI Course Exchange. The legislation has been drafted, has cleared all committees, and is making its way through the Senate and the Assembly for a full vote. Allowing colleges to use each other's residency determination in the Exchange will streamline the

Exchange process and enhance real time processing for students and simplify development. Lou asked if the legislation would apply to out of state and International students as well, and while Joe didn't know for sure he suspected it would. If one college says a college is out of state or International, another would be able to accept that. However, there are other limitations on International students which would still apply.

Chancellor's Office:

Van Ton-Quinlivan who was overseeing Workforce, is now an Executive Vice Chancellor with TRIS underneath her. That means that Gary and Russell are now reporting up to Debra. Theresa Tena is focused on IEPI work now.

Spirion:

Tim explained this vendor has a great data loss prevention product that Jeff Holden is looking at for possible system wide adoption or Foundation pricing.

Chris Arnold will provide a high level overview of the tool, the company's background and experience. Bill Eastman will provide a product demonstration.

Spirion has a confidentiality provision, so Tim will send them the draft minutes to make sure that no proprietary information is included before the minutes are posted publically.

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Next Meeting:

The next SAC meeting will be on Thursday August 24, 2017 at 1:30pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.