

RC All Hands Meeting Notes: March 8, 2011

Agenda Items Discussion:

Data Centers: 99% of data centers are full. There are still a few racks available and efforts are being made to use space in Converse, however, we are going to outstrip space before 2012. RC will be speaking with faculty about upgrading to higher efficiency equipment to expand space.

Soft Tokens: Currently instituting an exchange program to collect hard tokens for soft tokens, as soft tokens have no overhead. Communicate with your hard token people to get this exchange moving.

Round Table Updates:

- Mike Ethier, Research Computing:

Planning for 60 Oxford Street and 1 Summer Street shutdown on the weekend of June 10th. Shutdown of everything will be from Friday 4pm to Saturday 11am. Everything should be back on line by Sunday morning. Also involved in updating machines with lapsed warranties – this is mostly done. And continue to work on general software issues and tickets.

- Anne Marie Countie, Harvard Herbaria & Research Computing:

Working to assimilate into RC. Working on a project for the Herbaria to bring a web database live in a month's time.

- Eric Mattison, Research Computing:

Helping Vincenzo with cleaning and billing upgrade. Adding new instruments to SPINAL.

- Amir Karger, Research Computing:

Working with Eric on SPINAL issues. Learning all details about the SPINAL system. Working to allow lab admins to update expense code info by themselves.

- Adam Malinowski, Research Computing:

Migrated Windows to FAS domain. Working with Brian and Jeff on migration and improvement project. Also working a development projects such as C++, an RNA database for the Mango lab, and setting up Mango lab infrastructure.

- Matt McDonald, SSG:

Working on UD deployments, IRIS, migration, planning and cleaning up.

- Chris Walker, Research Computing:

Setting up new serves for labs. Setting up the new SCRATCH system. Putting out “fire” literally and figuratively: handled a chiller failure at 1 Summer that resulted in a shutdown, and have been handling other system shutdown problems.

- Matt Nicholson, Research Computing:

Working on clean-ups for migration (MCB); SCRIB is next migration. Moving data from old storage systems to new systems, using the old system as backup.

- Keith Herron, Research Computing:

Working with VMware – what storage is mapping and plan for an outage. Also working on re-imaging computer nodes.

- Jeff Kuhne, Research Computing:

Working on Citrix – added e-notebook to it as well as other applications. Preparing for moving all of the Sciences onto one domain. Moved over FlowJo and can now globally update the licenses. Working with Allentown which installed RFID readers in the BRI to build out two servers. Key Solutions to be the next step.

- Brendan Haley, MCZ/Research Computing:

Last major collection migrated to central database. Moving ancillary data and performing data clean up. Moving servers to improve efficiency.