

Darwin College Computer Committee – Minutes

Meeting date: Wednesday 5 February 2014

Present: Alan Blackwell (chair), Eamon Callison, Matthew Edwards, Espen Koht, Carl Rasmussen, Andy Pitts

No declarations of interest were recorded

Apologies: Terry Moore

Minutes of the last meeting were approved

EK noted that fix to dining room payment terminal software (not firmware) is now implemented.

728. Drupal project update

Implementation work is expected to be complete soon, after which data migration will become a priority

Note that an image library has been developed for the 50th website, and is likely to be suitable for new site

Note that a Cambridge Drupal users group is available for sharing advice and support

DCSA site content is also being updated – at present, within existing Drupal 6 implementation

EK has created an area within the DCSA site (for sharing details of music society members) with readership restricted to Darwin members. Authentication via Raven works, but reveals that Cambridge Lookup service does not reliably identify graduate college membership.

729. Computing facilities status

Wireless deployment continues, with 60% of access now via Eduroam. Around 1500 unique user registrations per week, and 150 active sessions typical during working hours.

Some students are operating personal access points, agreed individually, until deployment reaches them

Windows 7 upgrades are complete, except Accounts department, where applications have XP dependencies

Catering IT systems, including online menu, are being upgraded in consultation with new Catering Manager.

730. Website status

Two further microsites are now live on College virtualised servers: Development Office sales (Drupal) and May Ball (Wordpress, not expected to be maintained after this year).

731. DCSA communications

Whatsup mailing list and Facebook group are both operating effectively

Some questions regarding College policy are occasionally discussed on Facebook. EC proposed that he add a link to the College website within the group description, so that users have a direct reference for policy issues.

732. IT support hours

ME reported that Andrew Bugajski is available to increase the weekly hours he works on Darwin IT and user support beyond his current laptop clinic.

733. Jerome system

ME and EK have reviewed a new hosted service for College facilities management, that has been developed by the IT department of Jesus College. Named 'Jerome', the service provides functionality related to student accommodation, guest bookings, maintenance schedules, room inventories, and other aspects of college facility management.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 30 April 2014

Alan Blackwell
5 February 2014