

## Darwin College Computer Committee – Minutes

Meeting date: Wednesday 29 April 2015

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

*No declarations of interest were recorded*

Apologies: none

### Minutes of the last meeting were approved

#### 748. Website update

Student webmaster: EK and AB have interviewed Mira Nair, a Darwin alumna resident in Cambridge who would like to contribute to College as a webmaster. **Action: ME** to update employment contract for student webmasters.

ME reported that a member of the Development Office staff has professional photography experience, and may be able to provide further carousel images or other site illustration.

ME reported that Slashzero have now completed accommodation pages.

Future priorities include 1) any pages viewed by potential applicants, 2) disaggregation and update of lecture series pages, 3) micro-site for conference services.

AM reported that DCSA site update work continues, and that a full report will be made at the next meeting.

#### 749. Computing facilities status (EK)

The new West Cambridge Data Centre has offered favourable terms for server housing, that will provide improved resilience and offsite backup by comparison to current arrangements.

We have requested a survey of wireless coverage across the College, although the University team providing this service currently have a 13-month backlog.

EK proposes to transfer ownership and maintenance of the fibre connection to Frank Young House to the University. This is in response to construction work at Newnham, but has generally attractive terms.

There has been increased frequency and urgency of security patches to our servers in the current year. This reflects an industry-wide trend. Costs of this activity at Darwin are relatively low, due to our strategy of favoring open source and industry-standard solutions.

#### 750. College IT strategy

EK tabled a draft paper setting out the strategic objectives and priorities for IT systems in the College. This paper was welcomed by the committee, and some suggestions were made for improvement. Next actions are for this to be revised, reviewed by the Bursar and Council, and adopted at the next meeting of this committee. The adopted strategy will be presented to Governing Body, ideally at the next AGM.

#### Date of next meeting:

To be decided, in Michaelmas term 2015

Alan Blackwell  
30 April 2015