

## Darwin College Computer Committee – Minutes

Meeting date: Tuesday 11 October 2016

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

*No declarations of interest were recorded*

Apologies: none

### Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Matters arising:

#### 752 – Website maintenance

Opportunity for a student to update lecture series pages. **Action: VF** to look out for a possible recruit  
Technical upgrade of website to Drupal Omega theme. **Action: EK** to discuss with SlashZero

#### 760 – DCSA reports

WiFi registration problems in Study Centre - resolved by access point upgrade.

#### 761 – Computing facilities

Information paper on fire alarms over IP will be reviewed by Buildings and Grounds.

#### 763. Website

Nothing to report

#### 764. DCSA

VF updated all clubs and societies pages before freshers' week.  
Archives of whatsapp and DCSA meeting minutes are now published online  
EK noted potential for future Facebook integration with DCSA Drupal site  
AB reported discovery of DCSA archives 2005-9 on CamTools. **Action: AB** to forward to Archivist

#### 765. College computing facilities

Study centre PCs have been transferred to University Managed Cluster Service. This includes Linux boot option on Windows machines. Printing will continue to be managed locally. Two machines have been retained with legacy Darwin distribution, but these will be retired in 2017.  
EK reported a network fault (attached), apparently due to vermin in cable duct. UIS network team responded quickly to restore service, and plan upgrade to armoured cable. After discussion, it was agreed that maintenance of network infrastructure between Darwin locations should be contracted to UIS in future.

#### 766. University information systems

It was agreed that a representative of UIS college support team should be invited to future meetings, with note that reserved agenda items might occasionally be required. **Action: AB** to contact Richard Hey

#### 767. AOB

The Formal Hall booking system is under review, and the question was raised of how this committee should contribute to such reviews. Considerations might include questions of convenience for students. ME noted that College departments have functional requirements outside the remit of the computer committee. In the case of Formal Hall booking, policy is set by the Meals committee, so changes to student service should be discussed in that context. It was agreed that college departments and committees should feel free to consult the computer committee whenever there are issues of concern in relation to computer facilities.

#### Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 18 January

Alan Blackwell  
15 October 2016