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ERN Transition: Update

The rollout of the ERN (.edu) network is underway. GSBPP will complete Phase 2 of their transition to .edu by mid-November. GSOIS and CCMR will begin Phase 2 to ERN in late November. View the link for the NPS transition to the .edu network at: <https://intranet.nps.navy.mil/itacs/ernmigration/index.htm>. Keep watching your e-mail for the date of your transition.

Dr Christine Cermak attended an all-day Western Association for Schools and Colleges (WASC) workshop for accreditation teams. Dr. Cermak was appointed to a spring 2006 evaluation team.

Discussion continued in October between NPS and Sun Microsystems, regarding a possible Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) between both organizations.

The Dudley Knox Library interviewed three candidates for its Director's position. The search committee, chaired by **Professor Dan Moran**, will be submitting its report to the Provost in November. ITACS, Institutional Research and Instructional Technology managers met with all three candidates.

Representatives from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) visited NPS and met with **Dr. Christine Cermak** regarding a LLNL-NPS collaboration.

During October, the Technical Assistance Center (TAC) answered a total of 1,809 calls, 1,106 which were resolved by the Tier 1/Tier 2 areas. The remaining calls were answered by other ITACS departments/groups. The TAC Staff also assisted 26 users in GSBPP in archiving and moving files, and in troubleshooting, both prior to and after their migration to the ERN network.

Mr. Joe LoPiccolo, Mr. Jon Russell, Mr. J.P. Pierson and **Ms. Debbi Kreider** attended the Educause Conference in Orlando, Florida, from October 19-21, 2005. Each person attended different presentations, which covered various topics. For a summary and reviews of Educause 2005 see the link: http://itacssp/ntic/NTIC_Public/Educause_2005/Educause_2005.doc

The New Technology and Innovation Center group conducted a demonstration of the Helium Networks, a wireless scout during the entire month, and met with Xerox to discuss dates for their lending of demo equipment and a software package to NPS.

Through a project led by the Research Office and ITACS, 52 students are participating in the SharePoint thesis processing project. There are currently 43 SharePoint sites being used by students who are graduating in December 2005.

Mr. Greg Fraunhofer, Tier II, ITACS, **Ms. Gidget Rose**, Payroll Supervisor, and **Ms. Lisa Roza**, HR representative, participated in the ITACS' All-Hands training in October, which featured employee timekeeping and payroll.

Mr. Hank Hankins, Mr. Bill Hogan and **Dr. Christine Cermak** attended the CENIC Advisory Board meetings held on the UC-Davis campus on October 5-6, 2006.

On October 24th, IT managers and senior staff from the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) visited the NPS IT facilities to hear about the Information Assurance program, the Network Operations Center (NOC), and other major operational processes.

The Intranet re-design, introduced in October, has received many positive reviews.



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Ms. Val Moule, Mr. Bob Gentry and Ms. Millie Randazzo are part of an NPS Property Management working group headed by **Ms. Laura Cole**, that will devise and recommend a process to NPS leadership to better receive, distribute, transfer, excess, track and account for minor “pilferable” property. Because a large percentage of this property is related to Information Technology, ITACS’ participation in the group is essential.

The Institutional Research (IR) Office is providing the web software, and assisting with the survey design, the training of students and the launching of thesis surveys. IR is also assisting with administrative surveys, and other ongoing projects with Student Services, ITACS, and the President’s office.

Notes from the IT Task Force Meetings

Dr. Christine Cermak summarized the visit by the ITACS team to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where discussions continue about ways of collaborating on various IT-related projects.

Ms. Terri Brutzman presented the group with the approved procedure for e-mail tagging of the international community, and updated the Task Force on the progress of the Information Assurance Training, noting that NPS had reached nearly a 90% compliance rate. Methods for securing compliance of the remaining 10% were underway.

Dr. Christine Cermak informed the group about current discussions with the Research Advisory Board in regards to indirect cost recovery.

Mr. Hank Hankins and Mr. Tom Halwachs updated the group on the CENIC membership, and the ERN transition, respectively.

Mr. Tracy Hammond reviewed the VTE central coordination policy, and the discussions and agreement reached by the faculty and their departments in regards to the policy.

Mr. Joe LoPiccolo and Mr. Jon Russell of the New Technology and Innovation Center presented a review of a product from eTechnology, which allows immediate polling via a handheld device.

Dr. Amela Sadagic, who serves as co-chair with **Dr. Christine Cermak** on the Internet2 committee, informed the members that working groups have been established to brief the individual schools on the following topics: Ipv6, Middleware, High-Performance computing and Digital Video.

Dr. Donald Stark told the group that the high-performance computing (HPC) website, which includes a summary of hardware, clusters and proposed clusters, has been drafted and can be reviewed at:

<http://www.oc.nps.navy.mil/~stark/HPC/hpc.html>.

Dr. Doug Brinkley, who chairs the IT Task Force Lab Recap Plan Committee, reviewed the current procedures on purchasing, tracking, planning and executing the current Lab Recap Plan, and is working with ITACS managers and departments to improve the process.

Dr. Bob Koyak stated that **Mr. Joe LoPiccolo’s** streaming media brief to the Faculty Council on October 13th was well-received. **Dr. John Mutty** appointed two faculty members, **Dr. Diana Angelis** (DRMI) and **Mr. Steve Iatrou** (IS) as a Streaming media committee, to answer concerns and/or questions that faculty may have as streaming media’s use increases on the NPS campus.