

UF Exchange Advisory Meeting

Date May 13, 2009
Time 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Location 507 CSE

Notes

1. The UF Exchange Census was reviewed. Dr. Conlon presented figures regarding the number of mailboxes and the number of Blackberry users in use on March 1st. UF Exchange has approximately 6,400 mailboxes in use and approximately 250 Blackberry users. MOUs will be signed by the participating departments and bills will be sent on August 1st.
2. The room objects work has been slow due to technical difficulties in interfacing the Oracle database used by Facilities & Planning with the SQL databases used by UF Exchange. Mike Kanofsky and Frank Phillips continue to work on this. It would be helpful to develop short University Standard (2-6) letter abbreviations for the departments of the university which could be used in standard naming of the room objects. So, i.e., IFAS for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. In this way, people looking at lists of rooms would know who the room belongs to.
3. Conversions continue. The Department of Anesthesiology completed its conversion to UF Exchange.
4. The group had a demonstration of Office Communicator Services (OCS), a new service that will be added to UF Exchange at no additional cost. OCS services should begin toward the end of June. OCS is an integrated facility for secure chat inside the Office suite. OCS software is available for the Mac and there is a webclient TN access to OCS. In addition to secure chat, OCS users can establish two-way audio and two-way video. This enables desktop video and "click to conference" capabilities for the 6,500 users of UF Exchange and the 3,000 users of Health Science Center Exchange. All that is needed for Exchange users to participate is a camera, microphone, speakers and a \$9 annual Enterprise Client Access License (eCAL). eCAL licenses can be bought at the department level through the campus agreement at a cost of \$9 per year per person.
5. The next meeting of the UF Exchange Advisory Committee will be held June 10, 2009.