

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

August 28, 2018

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:05 p.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2018, in the Board Conference Room, 6st Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Dr. Mike Asoodeh, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Council Members Present:

Mike Asoodeh
Beth Courtney
Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Gene Fields
Lonnie Leger
J. Ram Ramanujam
Eric Setz
Uma Subramanian
Leo Tran
Rachel Vincent-Finley
Noel Wong
Richard Howze

Council Members Absent:

Thomas Lovince
Sherri McConnell
Ramu Ramanujam
Andrea Ballinger
Tony Moore

Guest:

Lance Neal
Philip Stott
Gary Mumphrey
Charles Broome
Sam White
Le Yan
Walt Oradn
John Borne
Ric Simmon

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES:

On the motion of Ms. Beth Courtney, seconded by Mr. Richard Howze, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously approve the minutes of the May Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Asoodeh informed the Council of the June 12th and July 17th Executive Committee meetings. There were two major outcomes, a budget for 2019-2020 and a planning document for the budgeting process for the next 10 years. Dr. Asoodeh yielded the floor to Mr. Leger to provide in-depth details of June and July meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Leger informed that Council that the meeting was about the operational side for the next 10 years, and several motions were made. The formula that is being presented was drafted for the next 10 years from the institutional perspective. The formula used three factors (1) audited versions of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is behind in reporting, (2) data changes a little in terms of percentage, and (3) focus on the expense profile versus the IPEDS. The numbers from the formula were derived as 40% student headcount, 50% full-time equivalent (FTE) faculty and staff, and 10% revenue. Service Orders will be signed by December 31st to start in July 2019. Mr. Leger expressed that the goal of the 10 year projection is to get the information out ahead of the budgeting process and institutions can plan accordingly. Mr. Leger provided an explanation of the budget and formula. He ensured the Council that LONI staff's salaries are not a line item in the budget. Louisiana State University (LSU) and the Board of Regents (BoR) are in contract to compensate for the salaries. BoR pays the annual amount of the contract. Council is asked to approve the subscription fee for the next fiscal year and will be addressed every year before approving.

On the motion of Mr. Gene Fields, seconded by Dr. Leo Tran, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the committee’s recommendation of establishing the Subscription Fee for FY20 as presented with the distribution of the corresponding service order in early September.

The Executive Committee recommended the LONI have a strategic plan, and the 10 year budget was derived from that. Mr. Leger spoke with LSU’s Master of Business Administration Department. They are willing to work on the project. Other institutions will have an opportunity to be a part of the project. The Management Council needs to prepare a statement of work and have an outline of what is needed. The Board of Regents will fund the project.

On the motion of Ms. Beth Courtney, seconded by Dr. Uma Subramanian, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the committee’s recommendation of establishing a business and strategic plan for LONI.

BoR and LONI staff recommended that the LONI Executive Committee supports the issuance of 12-month subscription service orders including the projected subscription fees for the following two fiscal years so the community-at-large can comprehend the investment and obligation. Subscription fee invoices will remain an annual obligation.

On the motion of Mr. Gene Fields, seconded by Dr. Leo Tran, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the subscription fee for the next fiscal year and the forecasted subscription fee for the following two fiscal years at the beginning of September of the current fiscal year.

BoR and LONI staff recommended that the LONI Executive Committee support a policy where Higher Education entities can only participate as subscribers in LONI. LONI Executive

Committee recommends establishing policy that Higher Education entities can only participate as subscribers in LONI. After a detailed discussion, the motion was tabled and moved by Vice Chair to the business and strategic plan.

The LONI Executive Committee recommends establishing the policy for disconnect and reconnect fees. The disconnect and reconnect policy will be as follows: (1) There is no refund on the annual subscription amount for disconnects within a given fiscal year. (2) A subscriber must give 90-days written notice and pay all outstanding charges. (3) The standard reconnection timeframe is 90 days; otherwise, an expedite fee of 10% of their annual subscription fee would apply.

On the motion of Ms. Beth Courtney, seconded by Dr. Rachel Vincent-Finley, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the LONI disconnect and reconnect policy.

BoR and LONI staff recommended that the LONI Executive Committee support the placement of similar personnel as the former LONI Fellows into the LONI Management Council's Research Advisory Group with the intent of maximizing the State's investment in LONI through increased collaboration on research among LONI sites, other Louisiana institutions of higher education, and national institutions of higher education.

On the motion of Mr. Gene Fields, seconded by Dr. Leo Tran, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the BoR to solicit the research leadership of LSU A&M, LaTech, Southern University, Tulane University, ULL and UNO requesting that a faculty researcher and computational scientist be named on a two-year rotation to the LONI Management Council Research Advisory Group with the express

intent of maximizing the State’s investment in LONI through increased collaboration on research among LONI sites, other Louisiana institutions of higher education, and national institutions of higher education.

Mr. Leger informed the Council that Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner for Higher Education, will be address the Council at the November meeting. He provided a brief overview of the events the LONI staff has attended and will attend for the remainder of the year. He presented the Naas Status information to the Council. As of now, LONI is slightly under halfway connected. Mr. Leger reports this information every 2 weeks and provides an update to BoR. Mr. Leger explained that the BoR and LONI are exploring leasing as an option for equipment and requested feedback from the Council. Dr. Subramanian requested that the agenda and all back-up materials be sent to the Council ahead of the meeting. Additionally, she requested that the materials from today be sent out after the meeting. The high performance disk storage failed on July 6th. The LONI staff conducted an analysis of what happened and the lessons learned from the crash. An update was provided for Phase-2 fiber construction, Chicago peering progress, Dallas peering progress, and the 1G backup internet in Shreveport.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

There was no report provided.

NETWORKING SECURITY GROUP

Mr. Lance Neal provided the Council with an update from the subgroups within the network security group.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Leger announced the upcoming meeting schedule for 2018-2019. The dates are November 27th, February 26th, May 21st, August 27th, and December 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, Dr. Asoodeh, Vice Chair, asked for a motion for adjournment. On the motion of Dr. Rachel Vincent-Finley, seconded by Dr. Uma Subramanian, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.