

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

November 27, 2018

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:04 p.m., Tuesday, November 27, 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
Andrea Ballinger
Beth Courtney
Dr. Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Gene Fields
Richard Howze
Lonnie Leger
Paul Helton
Eric Setz
Uma Subramanian
Leo Tran
Rachel Vincent-Finley

Council Members Absent:

Thomas Lovince
Ramu Ramanujam
Noel Wong
J. Ram Ramanujam

Guest:

Gary Mumphrey
Adrienne Crouse
Chad Soileau
Frank scroggs
Walt Organ
David Woerner
Sam White
John Borne
Le Yan
Angela Mastaninich
Tim Riley
Lance Neal
Angela Mastinich

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education, provided opening remarks to the LONI Management Council.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:

On the motion of Ms. Beth Courtney, seconded by Dr. Uma Subramanian, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August Council minutes.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Gene Fields informed the Council of the email conversations the nominating committee. The committee is not ready to announce the officer nominations at this time. The nominations will be postponed to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Strategic/Business Plan Planning Committee Report

The planning committee is working on the statement of work. The document has been reviewed, received edits and being resubmitted to the committee for final review. The plan is to distribute in the month of December. The scope of Work document is complete and will be submitted to the Council. The next steps are to pull the expertise from LSU and Tulane and develop a process for how the strategic plan will be compiled.

NasS FY 21 Status

LONI staff is looking at multiple strategies for determining what the formula will look like. The procedure dialogue will continue until summer. The final version of any recommendation will be presented at the August meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Leger informed the Council of the numerous events and activities attended by the LONI staff. Activities will decrease due to the upcoming holiday seasons

FY19 Subscription

Mr. Leger gave a detailed description of the FY 19 subscription status. A few technical colleges have chosen different services. Of the subscribed institutions, 95 % have paid their subscriptions for the year.

FY20 Subscription

LONI staff has signature commitments and not a paid commitment. The projection is that signed commitments will be paid commitments by the end of December 2018. LONI staff plans to tour the institutions to remind them to get the signed service back.

HPC Update

Board of Regents (BoR) approved LONI's plan to upgrade QB2 with a ½ POD in FY19 and another ½ POD in FY20. Outside of the subscription, participation comes from Regents. Dr. Subramanian thanked Dr. Reed for her support. The equipment will be cycled and have a life cycle awareness. All equipment tagged or will be tagged by BOR will have a life cycle replacement and on-going maintenance plan.

Network Quarterly Update

BoR approved our ten-year plan for lifecycle replacement and on-going maintenance of the entire network equipment portfolio. LONI has hired two new engineers to work in 225 and 337 regions.

Phase-2 Fiber Construction Update

Universities have been prioritized by the support needed. Universities are in the permit phase.

Platform as a Service

LONI staff recommends converting the network as a service to platform as a service. Hyper performance computing is service, not a network. It is a cloud. LONI staff evaluated the things they own, how can they offer a value service, and timeline for adoption. LONI staff plans to tour the 2-4 year universities in the southern Louisiana to determine their value and timeline for adoption.

Platform as a Service Manager

LONI staff compared the 10- year subscription model to the PaaS and found that there is no additional cost to provide PaaS. The agreement was made with BoR that LONI does the work on behalf of the schools for no additional cost.

LONI Lapel Pins

The Executive Committee wants to make sure there is no objection by the Council in the purchase of lapel pins designed after our new logo.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

NETWORKING SECURITY GROUP

The networking security group has been discussing remediating specific and identifiable threats. Networking technology has met 3 times in the last couple of months. A recommendation from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Scans subgroup the Network Security Working Group passed a motion to “encourage all LONI subscribers to participate in DHS’s Cyber Scans” for threat and vulnerability awareness for their institution’s network and systems. The service is free of charge to users.

On the motion of Mr. Leger, seconded by Noel Wong, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve recommendation of networking security group.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Leger proposed the following 2020 meeting schedule:

- Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 1pm-2pm
- Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 1pm-2pm
- Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 1pm-2pm
- Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 1pm-2pm

On the motion of Mr. Lonnie Leger, seconded by Ms. Andrea Ballinger, the LONI

Management Council voted unanimously approve the 2020 meeting schedule.

Mr. Leger reminded the Council of the 2019 meeting schedule.

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 Gene Fields, seconded by Dr. Mike Asoodeh, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.