Notes from the Information Security Advisory Council

Thursday, November 20, 2014
9:00-10:00 a.m. (Room 201B, Table Rock Room, PSU)

In Attendance:
Lisa Burwell, Tim Burwell, Justin Cervero, Laura Crandall, David Jamison, Oscar Knight, Karen Main, Angie Miller, Beth Pouder, Jonathan Reeder, Norma Riddle, Trent Spaulding, Robin Tyndall, Jim Webb (chair), Kevin Wilcox

Introductions and New Members
Robin Tyndall is replacing Julie Taubman from the Office of Research Protections. Julie has joined ITS as a Project and Research Manager.

Recent Security Events – Jim Webb and Justin Cervero
Justin Cervero reviewed the latest Microsoft Security Vulnerability Updates released on November 12 and on November 18th. He explained the urgency in addressing these security vulnerabilities and how ITS evaluates the process of applying these patches, including the timeframes. He also explained which systems were patched and how the SCCM updates for the desktop systems was pushed out for these critical recent updates. No Appalachian systems were compromised during these events.

Information Security Policy for Appalachian State University – Jim Webb
Jim previously gave access to the council to the Information Security Policy which had been developed from a workgroup within the council. He went through the policy in detail with the comments he had received. The group discussed more detailed definitions and how the auditors may interpret some areas of the policy.

The group decided to incorporate the edits discussed during the meeting and the policy is ready to take to other vetting groups, such as Faculty Senate, Council of Chairs and Deans Council. Jim will bring back those suggestions and comments to this group to discuss before the policy is adopted. A plan will be made for the campus for awareness of the new policy once it is finalized.

Secure File Transfer –Filelocker – Jim Webb
There has been a need on campus for secure data transfer and several areas including the Advancement office have been helping ITS pilot a software package called Filelocker with good results. The committee agreed that Filelocker is a good solution for the campus and voted to adopt it. It will be added to the Service Catalog and a rollout and training plan will be put in place.

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 9:00 am.