Software Asset Management Roundtable: October 20, 2015

**Attendees:** Joe Allred, Jay Bruns, Kit Edington, Mary Ann Flockerzi, Matt Hamon, Andrew Hauer, Aaron Heiner, Kathy Garramone, Robert Logan, Sherri McWilliams, Jay Michalik, Jonathan Neff, James Poelstra, Suzanne Purdum, Wesley Samson, Eric Tangedahl

Adobe CC campus license update: Kathy Garramone, IT-TSS

- The Adobe CC campus license is now in effect. Contract dates are 10-1-15 through 9-30-16.
- Contract includes 450 CC device licenses for installation on university owned devices. Clarification: The licenses are not specifically for academic use only. However, the Student Computer Fee Committee allotment is earmarked for student labs only. License cost: $130.00/license.
- The contract also includes work-at-home licenses for UM faculty and staff. Specifically, CC applications on two personally owned devices for $9.99/year.
- Central IT is currently setting up the distribution process for both offerings and will communicate that process through Tech Partners once it’s in place.

Office 2016 for Windows: Kathy

- Now available for UM employees through our MSCA. The software is being distributed to employees through their departmental IT staff. Please go to the following IT website and complete an Enterprise Software Request. Note that Microsoft strongly recommends the 32 bit version as the default. [http://www.umt.edu/it/services/software/forms/default.php](http://www.umt.edu/it/services/software/forms/default.php)
- Office 2016 for Office 365 ProPlus through student UMConnect email accounts will be released in February.

Windows 10 – testing progress: Kathy

- SOBA has created an image and deployed to two users. 2-3 hiccups with drivers.
- Athletics has installed it on a couple of machines as well. Works great on a 15 year old laptop. Having a problem with a Netbook that won’t activate. Kathy will send the manual activation steps to Aaron Heiner.
- Joe Allred reported that Banner and UMDW are working well on Windows 10.
- Kathy asked if folks are using the Education version or the Enterprise version. Most reported that they are using the Enterprise version.

Dreamspark

- Dreamspark is a Microsoft program that supports technical education by providing access to Microsoft software for learning, teaching and research purposes.
- There are two types of Dreamspark subscriptions: Dreamspark Standard and Dreamspark Premium. DreamSpark Standard is for all types of institutions from primary to tertiary educations. DreamSpark
Premium has a wider software catalog of over 500 products and is for qualifying technical departments only (STEM).

- Currently UM has free access to Dreamspark Premium through the MSCA. Those interested in exploring DreamSpark, please contact Kathy.
- SOBA is a member of Microsoft’s IT Academy, an online learning system for Microsoft products. *This program also provides preparation courses for many of Microsoft’s certifications. This is a paid membership. Kathy is going to check into whether the IT Academy is available through our MSCA.

**Other/Open discussion**

- Aaron Heiner asked if anyone knows of opportunities on campus to obtain MSCA certificates. *Eric Tangedahl said that the IT Academy through Microsoft does offer MSCA certifications.

- There is some interest in obtaining Smartsheet licensing. Currently UM has 20 licenses that are all currently spoken for. CORRECTION: Currently 10 licenses have been purchased. Smartsheet has not been cleared for accessibility compliance by our EITA office so we cannot move forward with additional licensing until this is determined.

- What other agenda items would you like to see at the SAM meetings? ESRI campus licensing; overview of Service Desk; look at other management software.

- Does anyone have a video conferencing solution that’s passed accessibility requirements? SOBA has moved from Adobe Connect to BB Collaborate which has a 1 year conditional use accessibility status. SOBA also has a polycom bridge system setup in a room in GBB that campus departments can use. Jay Bruns also uses polycom systems to mainly communicate with FLBS.

- Jay Bruns asked if any departments are using a departmental communication system. This question also arose at the last Tech Partners meeting and there is currently a Discussion (Slack alternatives) in the TPP Forum. Please visit the Forum and provide your input on the topic. Note that Slack and other IRC clients are being reviewed for accessibility compliance.

- Aaron Heiner would like to learn more about Linux and asked if there are any Linux experts on campus. Jonathan Neff said that he and Patrick Guinard in Central IT have many years of experience. SAIT also has staff with Linux experience. Sherri McWilliams said that CFC IT hired a trainer to provide Linux instruction. Very cost effective and the trainer’s content was what CFC IT asked for. IT staff are welcome to contact CFC IT (243-2449) to review the resource books that the trainer provided during the sessions. Let Kathy know if you are interested in participating in a Linux campus training and she will follow-up with CFC’s recommendation.

The next SAM Roundtable is scheduled for: Tuesday, November 17, 10:00-11:00am, UC. Please direct software questions/comments to software@umontana.edu.