Campus Software Licensing Roundtable: March 18, 2015

Attendees: Tom Battaglia, David Devolve, Lorrie DeYott, Kit Edington, Ray Ekness, Kathy Garramone, John Greer, Su Gregerson, Bob Hlynosky, Becky Maier, Kevin McManigal, Jay Michalik, Jaylene Naylor, Jonathan Neff, Barry Obie, James Poelstra, Steven Van Grinsven

Introductions
- Kathy and Tom provided a quick overview of the meeting agenda as well as the meeting goal/vision. If there is interest, we would like to begin regular discussions with appropriate campus members about software licensing on the UM campus, including:
  - Central IT updates on campus-wide licenses that are in place.
  - Addressing the need on campus to increase awareness and knowledge of software purchases. Depending on campus feedback, IT is willing to begin an effort to catalog campus software and centrally manage information about how to obtain it.

IT update on centrally managed software licensing
- **Microsoft (Contract dates: February 1, 2015 - January 31, 2016):**
  - Office 365 (students / upcoming: faculty and staff). Now available for students and will be available for UM employees. IT has technical details to work out before this transition occurs for employees. Once a timeline and details are in place, IT will communicate with campus IT directors and personnel.
  - Multiple Access Keys. MAK keys are single license keys used for UM owned computers that are off campus, not connected to our UM network and therefore cannot activate every 180 days. IT staff are inquiring about the availability for using these key types. Kathy is researching this. Our campus agreement does include MAK keys as well as KMS (Key Management Server) activation. Some concerns include: ensuring that we would have a tracking and reporting mechanism in place, ensuring that machines are university owned, and also ensuring that folks are UM employees. Access is based on FTE. If there are included in our FTE, then they are considered employees. Affiliates – no.
  - WAH is available from the Bookstore for $10 (Windows/Office). Perhaps this is a short term solution until we make a decision about distributing MAKs. **Question:** Jesse brought up the understanding that departmental money cannot pay for WAH. Jay commented that that model is changing and is no longer an accurate measure.
  - MDOP: Microsoft Desktop Optimization Packet. Jonathan is interested in learning more about MDOP – specifically MBAM (Microsoft BitLocker Administration and Monitoring tool). This software is available as an add-on to our Microsoft Campus Agreement. Cost is about $4.00/device.
- **LANDesk and Symantec (Contract dates: June 30, 2014 - June 29, 2015):**
  - This contract is a campus wide license, funded by IT Utilities.
Prior to last year, Symantec was our primary anti-virus software solution. Based on distributed IT personnel input, IT was asked to explore other AV options. After reviewing three options, all determined that LANDesk AV would be the best alternative to Symantec. (ESET, Trend Micro, LANDesk). For this contract year, we purchased both LANDesk AV and Symantec AV, to allow for time to transition to LANDesk. Most campus departments who participate in the AV solution have transitioned to LANDesk. We will continue with both solutions again this upcoming year to allow for the remaining involved departments to transition, or to allow them to continue using Symantec AV.

**SPSS (Contract dates: September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015):**
- This contract is funded by departments who require statistical software for teaching, research, and student lab purposes.
- Last year we discussed with departments SPSS future funding. Since IBM is the exclusive distributor and applies a 10% cost increase each year, SPSS may become cost prohibitive. Department feedback indicated that we need to continue purchasing SPSS primarily because SPSS is a statistical software industry standard and is used heavily by UM. Departments need to increase their SPSS yearly budgets in anticipation of the yearly increase.
- Accessibility of SPSS modules is in review by UM’s accessibility team and invited researchers.

**SAS: Obtain through MSU-Bozeman**
- Ordered through the ITS store at MSU. Software obtained from IT Central at UM.

**Apple: Obtain through Apple website.**
- We now have a VPP (Volume Purchasing Program) license. The VPP program provides a way for campus administrators to purchase iOS apps and books in volume at a discount and distribute these items to faculty, staff and students. Folks asked if we could have a demonstration of this service. Kathy is checking with Apple.

**Adobe:**
- CLP program through UM Bookstore for purchasing Acrobat Pro as a perpetual license. CS 6 has been phased out. Products available through Creative Cloud Subscriptions.

The requirement that all UM software purchased must be accessible
- Bob Hlynosky from UM purchasing reminded folks that all software purchases must be accessibility reviewed before purchasing.
- Go to the Software Accessibility website for detailed information at: http://umt.edu/accessibility

How we can work together to improve software knowledge on the UM campus.
- We ran out of time for open discussion about working together, but several participants did express an interest in continued meetings so that more discussion and collaboration can occur. Overall, the group seemed supportive of meetings discussing campus software licensing.
- Originally we were going to schedule quarterly roundtable discussions, but decided to change the timing to once monthly, at least in the beginning while we are building momentum.
- Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month, 11-12, UC 327. Registration is available on the IT website at: http://apps.umt.edu/it/shortcourse/#Miscellaneous