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PENDING APPROVAL

**MINUTES  
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

September 11, 2007

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 2:05 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2007, in the Board of Regents Conference Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Les Guice called the meeting to order.

**Council Members Present:**

Les Guice, Chair  
Rizwan Ahmed  
Paul Barron  
Bob Fudickar  
Steve Landry  
Laura Levy  
Brad O'Hara  
Ed Seidel  
Jeffery Smith  
Michael Stubblefield  
Joel Tohline  
Donnie Vandal

**Council Members Absent:**

Lee Bairnsfather  
Michael Ralph  
Greg Speyrer

**Executive Director:**

Charlie McMahon

**Guests:**

Don Ballard, LETA  
Carl Brandt, LSU/LONI  
Lori Brannan, Brannon & Associates  
Brett Brook, CISCO  
Chuck Denstorff, DOA/OCS  
Allie Hopkins, LSU/LONI  
Mike Kling, CISCO  
Randy Walker, DOA  
San White, LSU/LONI

APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2007 MINUTES

**On motion of Dr. Steve Landry, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2007, LONI Management Council meeting.**

APPROVAL OF JULY 10, 2007 MINUTES

**On motion of Dr. Steve Landry, seconded by Mr. Rizwan Ahmed, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2007, LONI Management Council meeting.**

NLR AND LONI MC LEADERSHIP BRIEFING

Dr. Les Guice began by announcing that after discussion with Mr. Voss and Regents staff, it was recommended that Mr. Charlie McMahon represent the Regents on the NLR Board. Mr. McMahon explained the current NLR structure that made the change strategically important. Mr. Voss will remain active in the I2 Governance structure. Mr. McMahon gave the NLR update and reported that there is still strong discussions of merger between the NLR and I2 organizations.

Dr. Guice mentioned that the LONI leadership will continue with regular conference calls and will soon send out the new meeting calendar for 2008. Dr. Guice talked about the LONI operating budget and fees to the Board of Regents for LONI services. Mr. Donnie Vandal handed out the information regarding the budget for services, etc. Mr. Vandal explained the process for approval of the Board of Regents schedule of fees, etc. Mr. McMahon further explained the costs involved on the schedule.

**On motion of Dr. Paul Barron, seconded by Dr. Joel Tohline, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the schedule of changes for the LONI fee structure.**

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Steve Landry, Chief Technical Advisor, asked for reports from Mr. Lonnie Leger. Mr. Leger handed out of updated LONI connections; 1) Shreveport and

Mississippi needs improvement; 2) LPB equipment is ordered; 3) Queen Bee is at Information Services Building (ISB); pending item mentioned - Recovery School District (RSD) in New Orleans has been turned over to LONI; the Northern Ring fiber has problems; and the Technical Colleges received approval to connect to LONI. Mr. Leger recommended that the Digital Millennium be copyrighted. Mr. McMahon state that the IP address is owned by LONI and gave an explanation of the issues involved.

Mr. Carl Brandt gave an update on LONI Dell computer installations; 1) LSU/ULL/Tulane are fixed action items for production; 2) Southern is still under construction, hope to be ready in December; 3) UNO has power problems, hope to be repaired in December; and 4) Louisiana Tech is pending construction before up and running.

After further discussion regarding Queen Bee, Mr. Rizwan Ahmed suggested a tour of Queen Bee at the Information Services Building (ISB) at next meeting to be held November 13, 2007.

Ms. Allie Hopkins, LSU LONI, handed out a brief summary on Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement (CALEA). Ms. Hopkins gave an explanation on the compliance and fees for noncompliance.

#### CHIEF RESEARCH ADVISOR/CHIEF SCIENTIST

Dr. Ed Seidel reported on the Gulf States Alliance meeting. The NSF Deputy Director Kathie Olsen spoke at the meeting. Dr. Seidel stated that Ms. Olsen showed great interest in the activities in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Dr. Seidel mentioned the recent HPCOPS award from NSF that would establish Queen Bee as part of the Teragrid. Mr. McMahon explained that the \$2.2 million grant provides funds for seven (7) FTE's to operate at the Queen Bee facility. Dr. Seidel also reported that the P-KSFI funding from the Board of Regents to establish the LONI Institute will be used for hiring 18 faculty and researchers at the six (6) LONI research universities.

Dr. Seidel reported the following; 1) \$12 million grant for NSF/EPSON proposal involves many Louisiana institutions for biology, etc. applications; 2) a \$3 million grant for DOE/EPSCoR for three (3) institutions, ULL, LSU, and Southern University was proposed – waiting for final notification of award; 4) NSF Track 1 facility \$200 million

for computer partnership with University of Illinois and LSU, will take four years (2011) to be operational with LONI application; 5) LONI backbone for education – distance learning, curriculum development, etc.; 6) 2008 Mardi Gras conference – Dr. Dan Katz will assist with advertising the program across the state; and 7) Inviting high schools students interested in computing to attend summer workshops at LSU and mentioned some of the projects that were created by the students.

Dr. Guice mentioned the Air Force Cyber Command and the Cyber Innovation Center in Bossier City. He encouraged our higher education institutions to be involved with these programs as they develop. Dr. Guice mentioned he would like to have the Louisiana institutions be part of the Air Force Cyberspace Conference in Shreveport, November 27 – 29, 2007.

#### CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR

Mr. Bob Fudikar also talked about how LONI at the Cyber Space Command Center can put Louisiana on the map regarding economic development by creating jobs.

#### EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Mr. Mike Abbiatti reported on education initiatives. He talked about the hand out Scaling LONI Resources Across the Curriculum, Immersive Learning Environment Systems (ILES). This document is taken from DOD (Department of Defense) verbage on how the education environment will look. This document gives the specifics on what we are striving to do and take the LONI fellows concept and expand it on campuses. Also our collaboration with the State's Chief Information Officer, Mr. Rizwan Ahmed, is getting a lot of attention with the idea of the .edu/.gov interface. Mr. Abbiatti and Mr. Rizwan were invited to a meeting in Little Rock, AR to talk higher education folks at the University of Arkansas System regarding on how the state information services and higher education work together. Worked with forty (40) faculty since the tour of the LITE Center; working with other colleges and universities from out of state regarding; 1) more bandwidth for classroom venues at each campus; 2) Second Life and Moodle curriculum; and 3) HD to IP. Mr. Abbiatti invited Management Council members to

Council for E-Learning Practitioners (CEP) video conference meetings held on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

EXECUTVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. McMahon reported issues with AT&T regarding AT&T cooperative endeavor agreement with fiber access and AT&T acceptable use policies.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was reported.

PUBLIC EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF LONI

No new public events were reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, the meeting adjourned.