

**MINUTES**  
**LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

August 27, 2019

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2019, in the Iowa Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Dr. Mike Asoodeh, 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  
Kenneth Boe  
John Borne  
Beth Courtney  
Gabriel Fagbeyiro  
Gene Fields  
Richard Howze  
Lonnie Leger  
Eric Setz  
Uma Subramanian

**Council Members Absent:**

Paul Helton  
Ramu Ramachandra  
J. Ram Ramanujam  
Rachel Vincent-Finley  
Noel Wong

**Guest:**

Lance Neal  
Angela Mastainich  
Ric Simmons  
Nayoug Kim  
Frank Scroggs  
Charles Broome  
John Barcelona

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES:

**On the motion of Mr. Lonnie Leger, seconded by Mr. Richard Howze, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June Council minutes.**

FY21 SUBSCRIPTION FORMULA RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL:

Mr. Leger and Mr. Lance Neal presented the subscription formula for FY21 to the Council. The Council received the components of the formula and an update for the formula process. Mr. Leger explained the reason for the data point change and worked with Regents to confirm a reliable data source. The revenue component of the formula is for an average of 3 years. The executive committee questioned HPC usage. Mr. Leger provided the full council an explanation of how the HPC contributes to the expense side of the formula. It was determined that roughly 10% of the overall budget is associated with the HPC related expenses. The LONI staff keeps track of the higher education data and utilization. The higher education data includes headcount for faculty and staff, student FTE numbers, and the total revenues. The utilization includes the consumption of the HPC and the network usage. To obtain the base cost allocation, the institutions are grouped by their designation through Regents, ie. Flagship, regional, statewide, and community and technical college. The base cost will be subtracted from what we are trying to recover (\$2.3 million) then apply it to the percentages of the IPEDS data that was collected. The LONI staff is recommending that formula components be 35% total revenue, 45% faculty and staff headcount, and 10% HPC. They are not recommending a change in the network consumption as a component of the formula for FY 21. Mr. Neal expressed one challenge for the data is obtaining the numbers for the non-teaching institutions. The decision was made to use faculty and staff headcount based on employee salary data that institutions and systems provide to Regents. Therefore, the formula uses full revenue to total revenue. It does not change the pro-rata share of the total amount. There

was a discussion on the institution's ability to pay, the role revenue plays in the formula, and concerns around institutions' usage. There was a recommendation for the upcoming years to set a date when the three-year average will be available and provide the information at the second LONI meeting of the year. This will help in the oversight and auditing of the HPC and network usage. The formula is based on the CPU allocated and not the CPU that is used. The strategy will be removing HPC as a pro-rata share and move it to a base cost. LONI will not use network consumption a metric. The minimum and annual subscription will be set at 10,000.

**On the motion of Dr. Mike Asoodeh, seconded by Dr. Uma Subramanian, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the FY 21 subscription formula recommendations.**

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

##### Strategic/Business Plan Statement of Work Update

LSU will not host a class in the Fall but will in the Spring. The Southeastern professor, that Mr. Leger had been in communication with, is no longer teaching the course. LONI staff are in the process of looking for other institutions that are willing to take on the project.

##### NaaS FY20 Status

FY20 is projecting to be 100% by December of this year.

##### Cisco Umbrella Status

Mr. Neal has completed the contract with CISCO. There are 24 and will have 2 more coming on board. It will be a 10% savings over the last 3 years.

##### Phase-2 Fiber Construction Update

Phase -3 will go back into the legislative request for this year. There was a request an update LCTCS that shows our colleges which are getting fibers and which ones have potential.

Phase -2 routes are nearly complete. Monroe is complete, and there are 8 more that are close to being complete.

There are challenges due to the United States Army Corp of Engineers permit on the second floor. The outstanding permits that are still crossing the Red River and Bossier and getting no impact statements.

Dr. Subramanian provided the council with an updated on the City of New Orleans agreement.

### CAMPUS VISITS

There are a few campuses to spend one on one time with. The LONI staff will conduct surveys for managed platform in the network upgrade. The survey will be released in two weeks.

### CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

There was no information reported.

#### SECURITY AND NETWORK WORKING GROUP REPORT

The security working group has been focusing on the recommendations from the previous meeting and put them in the risk management subgroup. In November, the security working will report their findings and other recommendations. There is a Summit tentatively scheduled for March 18-19, 2020 at the UL Light Center.

#### CAG20 PROGRESS

The working group has been on CAG 20 as it pertains to security training and security awareness. Most institutions have began email solutions by transiting between the cloud and other hosed emails. There has been discussions about phishing and sharing information across other institutions.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

LONI will host a Seastar roundtable at the Summit. CISD will be in September. LPB used LONI to do the late Governor Kathleen Blanco's services. Governor Blanco appropriated the funds for LONI and the light center.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, Dr. Asoodeh asked for a motion for adjournment. On the motion of Ms. Beth Courtney, seconded by Mr. John Borne, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.