Report from Teaching admin working group (Tim)

No meeting scheduled as yet. Investigating with ITO how to support the workflow around the new ESC (Exceptions and Special Circumstances) system. Vicky MacTaggart and Tim met with Chris Jowett (Maths) to help push forward significant concerns many schools have raised about the workflow imposed by the new GH (Guaranteed Hours) module in P&M.

Report from Web Strategy Group (Alastair)

A first attempt at defining our web "estate", based on the recent web audit, proved to be too detailed to be discussed at the Web Strategy Group. Another attempt is being made to distil into 10 to 15 different types of web content - this should be complete by late March.

We had planned to create a functional account which would "own" all official School SharePoint sites, but IS have responded that all SharePoint sites must be owned by an individual who acts as a contact point for emergencies (eg take down requests). IS confirmed that they can change the ownership of a SharePoint site when its owner leaves the University.

Report from Forum server rooms working group (Boris)

The task group has been meeting regularly. Compared to our competitors, we are roughly an order-of-magnitude behind in GPU nodes available to researchers, which is significantly impeding research. There has been a growing understanding of the challenges and the non-trivial financial outlay that would be needed to phase in GPU pooling. We have also discussed some potential near-term "band-aid" solutions that may offer some relief to the GPU backlog. Finally, we are preparing a survey to understand the extent of the GPU backlog and near-term GPU needs.

Report from Discussion board working group (Bjoern)

This group is in the process of being setup. Bjoern has proposed membership. Tim to invite and schedule first meeting.

Report from Submissions systems working group (Bjoern)

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Report from Submissions systems working group (Alastair)

This working group is suspended.