MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

August 15, 2012

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012, in the Montana Room, 1st floor, Claiborne Office

Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Charlie McMahon, Chair of the LONI Management

Council, called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Council Members Present:
Beth Courtney
Brian Nichols
Bettina Owens
Donnie Vandal
Gene Fields
Todd Barre
Michael Stubblefield
Joel Tohline
Charlie McMahon

Council Members Absent:
Eric Setz
Thomas Lovince
Mike Asoodeh
Ed Driesse
Rachel Vincent-Finley
Les Guice
Laura Levy

Guests:
Angela Mastainich, BoR
Randy Walker, DOA
Kyle Polser, HP
Carlos Thomas, SUBR
Bea Baldwin, UL System
Ric Simmons, LSU

On a motion from Dr. Michael Stubblefield, seconded by Mr. Donnie Vandal, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 LONI Management Council meeting.

Chair Charlie McMahon welcomed everyone for coming to this Special Meeting for the LONI Management Council and then turned it over to Mr. Vandal provide background and the recommendations for Internet Usage and Charges.

Mr. Vandal stated that in accordance with the direction from the LONI Management Council at its July 10th meeting, the staff has formulated recommendations regarding internet service usage and charges. These recommendations are the result of staff analysis of usage and financial data and have been shaped by extensive discussions with the vast majority of the campuses and/or their system IT leadership. These recommendations are being presented to the Council for its consideration and approval and, if approved, will be presented to the Board of Regents at its August 22nd meeting.

The recommendations formulated and presented are based upon the detailed analysis of bandwidth usage by each campus and circuit on the network for the period January 1, 2012 to May 1, 2012 and discussions with the LONI community over the past several weeks.

While it was anticipated that a doubling of service subscription on the part of the entire network community could easily result in a drop in the current bandwidth charge of $40/Mbps to at least $20/Mbps, it is clear from the findings gotten that the individual campus impacts will vary.

Recommendation

The recommendations apply to both subscription levels and charges, as follows:

<u>Subscription</u>

- Campuses are encouraged to individually sign-on to the MPG level of service in recognition that the overall network community benefits from that level of service in the aggregate, as it provides an ability to guarantee service reliability due to having multiple redundant providers, and it also allows rates charged to campuses to be minimized. This level of subscription also provides the "headroom" necessary across the network to accommodate extraordinary spikes in usage by campuses or groups of campuses, and allows for growth in demand through the course of the fiscal year.

- Recognizing that campuses are challenged with budget issues generally and with individual circumstances and constraints, campuses can select a subscription level at the 95th Percentile level of service. This level of service will, however, be monitored and reported to the campus periodically. If service consistently exceeds the subscribed level, adjustments in service will be expected in a timely manner.

- Campuses may select a subscription level less than the 95th Percentile level due to unique circumstances and/or adjustments in campus service arrangements which indicate a clear ability and expectation that LONI service will be reduced from currently experienced service levels. LONI staff will consult with campuses requesting such a service selection to insure appropriate arrangements are being made in a planned and timely manner. The newly established service level will be monitored and reported to the campus periodically. If service from LONI consistently exceeds the subscribed level, adjustment in service will be expected in a timely manner.

Charges

- For campuses selecting the MPG level of service the rates applicable are as follows:

Minimum – 249 Mbps	$18/Mbps	The first 249 Mbps are charged at $18/Mbps
250 Mbps – 499 Mbps	$16/Mbps	The next 249 Mbps are charged at $16/Mbps
500 Mbps – 999 Mbps	$14/Mbps	The next 499 Mbps are charged at $14/Mbps
1000 Mbps +	$12/Mbps	1 Gbps and over are charged at $12/Mbps

- For campuses selecting the 95th Percentile level or less the rate will be a set $20/Mbps.

Mr. Vandal went on to say that this data will be looked at yearly from now on and adjusted on a yearly basis. He also indicated that these recommendations, at the current rates of usage by campuses, will not contribute significantly, if at all, to the needs of the network to refresh aging equipment or deal with any of the fiber issues that are coming up. Depending upon campus usage rates, however, this could situation could improve over time.

On a motion from Dr. Joel Tohline, seconded by Dr. Michael Stubblefield, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve presenting these recommendations to the Board of Regents for approval at its August 22, 2012 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before LONI Management Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.