Minutes of the CCCC Meeting held on November 16, 2011

Members present: K.S. Singh, Abhishek, Piyush P. Kurur, Vimal Kumar, H. Wanare, Brajesh Pande, Gopesh Tiwari, Navpreet Singh, Aftab Alam, Saikat Hira, Amalendu Chandra

Special Invitees present: Nadeem Akhtar, R.K. Sharma, S.S. Shukla and Radha Saran

1. The minutes of the previous CCCC meeting held on October 12, 2011, were confirmed after including R. Sankararamakrishnan's name in the list of Members present.

2. Announcement(s): Head, CC, informed the Committee that CE Department has proposed the purchase of the software BeCN Academic Subscription Program. The cost of this package is within 6 lakhs and it is in line with the decision taken in the previous CCCC meeting held on October 12, 2011. CC will now process the purchase of this software. Also, as per the decisions taken in the previous CCCC meeting, CC is also in the process of procuring the following software: Abaqus, Comsol, Mathematica and SAS.

3. LAN connectivity to Type I residences: The issue of providing LAN connectivity to Type-I residences was discussed at length. It was noted that the dial-up connectivity to Type-I residences does not work anymore and these houses are also not connected through ADSL. A large number of Institute employees and also students live in this residential area and they need Institute network connectivity for their work. This need for Institute network connectivity was also stressed by the Special Invitees present at the Meeting. The Members agreed that the houses in the Type-I area should be provided connectivity to Institute network. The options of ADSL and LAN connectivity were discussed. It was noted that the Institute is also working on replacing the current Telephone Exchange in next few months and the ADSL facility is likely to go once the new Exchange is put in place. In view of this, providing LAN connectivity was considered to be the only viable solution for including these residences to the campus network. Also, it was noted that, unlike dial up or ADSL, LAN connectivity is more stable. It is already in place for Type II-V residences and has been working well. Considering all these aspects, CCCC strongly recommended that LAN connectivity to Type-I residences should be provided at the earliest possible.

4. Relook at the policy on deletion of CC accounts:

CCCC in its Meeting held on October 12, 2011, framed a policy for deletion of CC accounts for students and project employees (Ref. Minutes of the CCCC Meeting held on October 12, 2011). Subsequently, a proposal was received from one of the members regarding some revisions in view of issues with practical implementation of the deletion policy. The members discussed the proposed revisions and finally approved the following revised deletion policy for students and project employee accounts:

(i) Student accounts: These accounts will be deactivated after six weeks of issuing the `no dues' and CC can delete these accounts anytime after this period. Only for those students who are graduating in summer and applying for `no dues' in early May (or late April), their accounts will be kept alive till two weeks after the convocation and CC can delete these accounts anytime after this period.

(ii) Project employee accounts: These accounts will be deactivated after four weeks of issuing the `no dues' and CC can delete these accounts anytime after this period.

(iii) While CC can delete the accounts anytime after deactivation, for reasons of smooth operations, it was agreed upon that all the accounts that have been deactivated be deleted one month after the next semester has begun. So, one month into a semester, all accounts that have been deactivated so far would be deleted. This delayed deletion is kept so that no new student gets an old id.

(iv) If there is any misuse of an account after `no dues', that account would be immediately deactivated. Misuse of CC accounts is generally covered by the penalty clauses announced in CC website.

(v) Even if any students/project employees do not take nodues from CC after completion of their programs, CC will mark such accounts for deactivation based on the letters received from DOAA/DORD saying that such people have completed all their course/project formalities and their programs/project appointments are over.

5. Any other item(s):

One of the members raised a suggestion of bypassing proxy authentication for some of the websites such as some common mirror sites (e.g. fedora or ubuntu mirror sites). The matter was discussed at length. It was generally felt that this suggestion should be considered very carefully since it would make a policy shift

on our Internet access protocol. The members opined that more discussions and thoughts would be necessary before a recommendation could be made on the matter at CCCC level.

6. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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