

OUCS Report - ICTF

The following is a brief report on some of the activities OUCS is currently engaging in, or news of changes. Please also see the term's edition of *OUCS News* (<http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/publicity/oucs-news-trinity-2010.xml>).

There has been continued activity relating to the finances. We received approval from BSC for our plans to reduce net expenditure by 10% and unless there are any further cuts, we do not think this will impact on services. We are also in lengthy (but preliminary) discussions with the colleges concerning a possible contribution from them re OUCS's costs.

1. Nexus

The Nexus project completed and the Sharepoint early adopters programme is now underway. We are also assisting IMSU and UAS re their migration to Nexus (from Groupwise and Lotus Notes respectively).

2. Major Projects

OUCS has received funding from the PICT ICT Envelope for five new major projects:

- Nexus/Sharepoint Upgrade to 2010
- HFS Upgrade
- Weblearn-Nexus Integration
- Core User Directory
- Mobile Oxford Development
- G-Times (Graduate Enrolment)

3. Software News

The new Software News is available at: <http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/sls/newsletters/newst2010.xml>. With the retirement of Richard saxton and Andrew Goble, this has now been taken on by David Shakespeare.

4. Dial-in

Reminder! The current limited dial-in service will be removed in August 2010. The current service is only running (as specified in the SLD) on a best efforts basis without any funding for replacement kit. The OUCS Management Committee agreed with OUCS that this service should now be withdrawn. Please see the recent email from Tony Brett asking for assistance in alerting users.

6. OWL in the NHS

OUCS has worked with the Radcliffe Hospital Trust to allow OWL and Eduroam from all their internal access points.

7. IT Regulations

These were changed as of 18th June. Yes, they can now use Spotify ...

8. NSMS Prices

Charges for NSMS services will be held at the 2009 2010 level for 2010-2011. In

addition, the pricing model has been simplified to further reduce any administrative overhead to our clients. Please contact nsms@oucs.ox.ac.uk for more details.

9. Internships

For the first time OUCS is running an organized internship scheme over the summer for Oxford students. We are hosting five interns who will be working on the following initiatives:

- 1. [Developing E-learning Case Studies](#)
- 2. [Upgrading our Mailing List Service](#)
- 3. [Making WebLearn Video Tutorials and Guidance Sites](#)
- 4. [Oxgarage: Developing a Document Conversion Web Service](#)
- 5. [Hierarchical File Server \(HFS\): Porting TSM client to Microsoft Installer](#)

10. New Guide: Impact, Outreach, Engagement

OUCS has launched a new guide for researchers and units on how to take simple and practical steps forward in using IT to increase impact and public engagement. See: <http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/publicity/leaflets-guides/impactguide.xml>

11. Other Projects

As noted in the last report OUCS is currently working on several other projects:

- New MDX room following redevelopment of the New Bodleian
- Wireless roll-out
- Humanities IT Review – now completed

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