Managed Print Service (MPS)
Unfortunately the MPS tender process is still progressing and it is hoped that an announcement will be made in a few weeks time.

Information Security Management System - ISMS
The University will be launching a UNSW IT Security program which will see the development of an Information Security Management System (ISMS) which will report directly into UNSW Risk Management. Linking with the UNSW Data Governance strategy this will see owners of systems being held accountable for their systems and the data, both research and UNSW data, that is stored on them and the overall security and patch management levels of their systems.

The ISMS will be implemented over the next 12-18 months and there will be training and information forums to make all existing staff aware of their responsibilities. All new staff will have the information included in their staff induction packs along with other information such as Workplace Health and Safety. Student and staff handbooks have been developed.

Staff will need to be aware of the data they have and the potential impact if that data is ever lost or hacked into. Staff will need to consider what precautions they need to have in place to protect the most sensitive data that they have on their system, desktop, laptop, tablet etc at any time. For instance staff who may have an excel spreadsheet with student marks on their laptop may need to encrypt the files they have even if they only have the data on their laptop for a few days around the examination marking period.

Within the Faculty a local ISMS committee will be formed to oversee the overall risk profile portfolio of the Faculty and either accept any outstanding risks or direct unacceptable risks to be re-mediated or reduced before signing off on them.

In preparation for the launch of the system most of the Science IT Staff were able to attend a two hour briefing session about the system and were able to provide valuable feedback about the proposed communication plan, documentation and general queries about the system before its launched University wide.

Further information is available at [http://ISMS.unsw.edu.au](http://ISMS.unsw.edu.au)

Chief Digital Officer (CDO) – Dr Conrad Mackenzie
On July 21st, Andrew Walters announced that Dr Conrad Mackenzie was appointed as the new UNSW Chief Digital Officer for the university.

UNSW eResearch
The UNSW eREsearch committee meet on July 22nd and was introduced to the new UNSW Librarian, Martin Borchert. Dr Conrad Mackenzie spoke about research opportunities across UNSW and the portal that central IT has developed in Amazon Web Services allowing academics to create their own HPC cluster of the size they choose complete with the software they require. The portal will also give an estimation of the cost for the expected run time. During a demonstration of the portal a 1,000 Core cluster was spun up within a few minutes at a total base cost of approximately $46 per hour (or
$402,960 for 24 hours a day for a year) using standard rates. Overall cost will be lower using spot rate for opportunistic buying or pre planned start times.

**Desktop Standards**

The University is finalising the list of approved devices for the year and we will shortly know the current pricing of the approved configurations for Hp and Dell desktops.

**IDAM rollout**

Rollout of the new IDAM system including the FSAM replacement has been deferred again until December 6th 2016.

**eWeek**

At the last all IT team talk, Professor Geoff Crisp, PVC Education, spoke about how could UNSW respond if for instance that no staff or students were not allowed on campus for a week as what happened in Asia following the SARS outbreak some years ago. Out of this the notion of an eWeek was developed where course material, student interactions etc were performed through electronic means. The question was put to IT staff what would be required, what considerations do we need to be aware of, etc for UNSW to be able to survive at least a week via electronic means and maintain lectures and tutorials. More to come.

**UNSW Datacentres**

The University is investigating its options about the possibility of shutting down all UNSW data centres with most services being shifted onto cloud infrastructure and physical servers located in the NSW Government Data Centre located at Silverwater.