

Outdoor Wireless at MIT

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Team Wireless

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Team Status: GREEN

We able to overcome some obstacles that had put us back, so we are back on track and have a good chance for achieving the project as we have originally planned.

I. Accomplishments

Since the last report, list the significant accomplishments, not just activities but a mention of the value delivered or obtained. Mention any positive opportunities that have arisen.

Our university team has received information from four universities: University of Virginia, Columbia University, Carnegie Mellon University, and Georgia Institute of Technology. We are also waiting on the completed interview from Florida A&M and Goucher University. We have started comparing the universities with the information we have to come up with conclusions.

From this information, our team met in order to discuss the desired final deliverables. We plan on synthesizing our information to fulfill the following goals:

- 1) Comparing information on a chart
- 2) Making recommendations on limited findings
- 3) Advising the IS&T team on next steps of research
- 4) Highlighting top factors to consider when implementing their pilot program this summer.

We were also finally able to meet with our Project Champion, Ms. Reagan, who has approved our deliverables.

II. Issues

List and explain the barriers or problems that have arisen since the last report. Explain these in terms of the uncertainties and risks as outlined.

The only issue our team had was getting in touch with our project champion to make sure that our ultimate goals were in line with her expectations. We were hesitant to move forward without talking to our project champion. But with some help from Prof. Gibson and Mr. Wining, we were able to schedule a meeting and have a constructive discussion with her. So now we are able to move forward to complete the analysis and conclusions.

III. Actions to be taken

List all specific action steps to be taken, other than those contained in the latest project plan revision, to take advantage of new opportunities or deal with new issues. State these actions in terms of tasks, milestones and deliverables. Indicate modifications to most recent tasks, etc.

The biggest task facing our team is to present our information to the class and our project champion in an oral report next week. We have constructed an outline that will shape our content. Our group simply needs to meet again this weekend to extract the relevant information, agree on recommendations, and practice the speeches.

IV. Reflections and Learning

Use this to report on how this project or the larger IS&T project have relevance to the latest completed topic module in 15.568. Also, beyond that, step back from project work and reflect on

what you and the team are learning. Include particularly more or less personal surprises and challenges that were unexpected.

The last unit has framed our group's mindset to an executive level. For our final deliverables we plan on emphasizing strategy in all the recommendations we make for IS&T. For example, we realize that IS&T does not want a disruptive, invasive wireless system. Reflecting those wishes, we will try and make system recommendations based on our vendor and university information that best supports IS&T's goals.