**From:** Craig Turner
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2013 5:31 PM
**To:** Kelly Rickman; Doc St. Clair
**Cc:** James Carlisle
**Subject:** RE: Senate site

Kelly,

I appreciate your efforts on behalf of the University Senate and thank you for sharing your preliminary analysis with promise of additional information available. I will pass on this information to the Executive Committee of the University Senate (ECUS) - and receive guidance on how we wish to proceed. This ECUS guidance will likely not be received until Jan/Feb 2014 as a majority of ECUS members are unable to attend our 15 Nov 2013 ECUS meeting and the next ECUS meeting is scheduled for 24 Jan 2014.

Craig

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**From:** Kelly Rickman
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2013 5:06 PM
**To:** Craig Turner; Doc St. Clair
**Cc:** James Carlisle
**Subject:** Senate site

Hi Craig and Doc,

I looked into the issues with the Senate site and things are a bit more complicated than they appeared at first. It appears that development on the motions database was never completed.  For example, the Agendas section is not being utilized, the Surveys section is still "under construction," the Admin PIN for deleting motions is not configurable per user, but rather hardcoded into the application. The system seems to have a few quirks.

In reference to the submitted ticket, there is no functionality that allows toggling the ability to edit motions. In other words, it's not a permissions issues. There is no code in place to handle the editing of existing motions, and using the Back key to try to edit a motion before it's fully submitted results in duplicate motions. It would require a good bit of code to get this working the way it's expected to work.

From what I've been able to learn while doing a walkthrough of the site, senate.gcsu.edu is comprised of a few different pieces:
- Senate.gcsu.edu: Drupal 6/custom php hybrid installation that uses CAS 1 for authentication. This site and its database reside on the 'Austin' server. It's comprised of:
  - o Public facing website
  - o Private content management area for public website with it's own set of users

- o Private file repository
- Motions Database: custom php application that is separate from the senate website, but only accessible via a link in the senate site to users with proper permissions. This php application and its database live on the 'Atlanta' server. It has two main sections:
  - o "Launchpad" - used to submit, approve, track, etc. motions
  - o System Administration - allows user and content management

That's sort of a basic overview. I've got some more notes regarding functionality and how all the pieces fit together if you'd like more information.

After talking with James about this, I think Senate.gcsu.edu and the motions database would be good candidates for a rebuild. We could get all the pieces working correctly in one up-to-date, easy to use, easy to manage system. That being said, it would be a couple months before development on a new system could begin, due to our current project load.

James suggested that this may be a good opportunity to get students involved (as I believe you mentioned before, Doc). There are professors on campus that would love the opportunity to let students handle requirements gathering (i.e. meeting with Senate to gather questions, concerns, what they would like to have in a new system, what to keep and what to scrap, etc).

Let me know how you would like to proceed and whether there are any more questions about the senate site that I can look into for you.

Thanks,

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