

The Academic Committee on Technology

The committee consists of the following faculty: Don Blaheta, Suzanne Donnelly, Timothy Holmstrom, Robert Lynch, Sara Miller, Tatiana Pashkova-Balkenhol, and Steve Whitaker.

The ACT met in Fall 2012 to discuss the two technology surveys distributed to the faculty and the student body, respectively, in March of 2012. Early discussion centered on the collected results and ways to revise these surveys to improve both participation and data collection. The committee was in the process of establishing an agenda for the remainder of the year.

Due to the administrative shake-up within ITS, the committee was unable to conduct any further business during the fall semester. The committee was reconvened during spring semester under the leadership of Penny Howard, Interim Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Information Technology Services. The committee is currently co-chaired by Robert Lynch in English and Penny Howard. The committee has been busy discussing its focus, purposes, and duties and hopes to present a charter to Faculty Senate in Fall 2013 to establish the committee as a regular Faculty Senate committee rather than as an advisory committee to ITS as in the past.

During the semester the committee has also discussed the Use of Technology surveys for both faculty and students; these are currently under review within ITS and will be brought back to the full committee for discussion in the near future.

The committee has also heard reports from the various components of ITS concerning a wide variety of technology issues that impinge on teaching and learning at Longwood, including Classroom Technology (Promethean Boards, Canvas, etc.) the Digital Education Collaborative, Guest Wireless Access, Google Tools, Registration, and Securing the Human—Replacement for MOAT.

The co-chairs have met with the Online Faculty Advisory Committee to discuss combining the two committees.