

Academic Technology Advisory Committee

January 19, 2021

Corey Call	Julie Mersiowsky
Darrell Carpenter	Kim Redford – Co-Chair
Scott Chapman – Not in Attendance	Sarah Reynolds
Samantha Ellington	Shannon Salley – Not in Attendance
Krystle Forlines	Janet Smith
Jeff Ledford – Chair	Denis Trubitsyn
*Barbara Johnson – minutes	Jonathan White

Jeff Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

- IT Update (Kim Redford)
 - ETF money has been released.
 - Many faculty/staff machines, classrooms, and labs will be refreshed as well as two areas upgraded to HDMI.
 - ITS will be releasing Spirion – a restricted data search and management tool.
 - The software list requested from Faculty Senate is ready for their approval. Kim worked with Samantha, Julie, and the ITS VP to compile this list. Kim will send to Jeff for submission to Senate.
- DEC Update (Julie Mersiowsky)
 - Changes in the DEC
 - Increased opportunities in Professional Studies require the attention of someone with a specific set of qualifications. Dr. Julie Mersiowsky, who has served as Director of the Digital Education Collaborative since 2016, has that skill set. Starting January 18, Julie will be transitioning to Professional Studies. The four full time staff in the DEC will assume various responsibilities Julie had as Director. Ashley Leslie will serve as interim manager for the group and Jeannine Perry will be the DEC point of contact for any questions, concerns or needs that normally went to Julie.
 - Julie will remain on ATAC until Lara deems otherwise, potentially through the end of the academic year.
 - Samantha will be taking Julie's place as the DEC contact person, both will be attending this spring.
 - Canvas layout changes
 - Right hand navigation menu – student view button has moved to top right and looks like glasses icon. This function is now on every page without having to circle back to the home page.
 - Rich content editor has been enhanced with more features.
 - Contact DEC for transition and comparison guides for new Canvas features.

- Recently, Canvas has been down with server issues but report all have been resolved.
 - Darrell Carpenter asked the DEC about Canvas down time. He reports that, at certain times, he gets kicked out of Canvas and loses work/grading. Samantha told him Canvas reports down/maintenance events ahead of time. She will provide additional details after speaking with the Canvas engineering team.
- Old Business (Box talk)
 - Brandon Jackson asked about Box with rumblings of Box unlimited storage going away.
 - Kim said other universities posted information about this same situation but our Box representatives has assured us that is not the case.
 - We have renewed our contract and cost nor unlimited data changed.
 - Denis Trubitsyn inquired about wireless devices like a webcam and need for wireless network access without using LancerNet credentials. For example, a freezer on campus monitored via wireless network connection and a faculty having to enter their credentials. Denis will email Kim with all of the details. Kim will talk to the ITS Networking Director
 - New Business
 - Kim reiterated that ATAC is a faculty-led committee and that members should be working with their departments to bring questions, initiatives, and ideas to the committee.
 - Samantha offered training from the DEC for use of Panopto, Canvas, Zoom, and Honorlock.
 - Janet Smith said with the end of fall and start of spring semesters, she did not feel like it was a good time to add to the faculties list regarding ATAC suggestions/questions but plans to ask for feedback before the next meeting.
 - Sarah Reynolds offered the library as an available technology resource. They could be a resource for purchasing loanable technology for students.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm.