

Academic Technology Advisory Committee

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Stephanie Buchert

Scott Chapman

Jeff Ledford

Ashley Leslie – Ex-officio

Tammy Parlier

Laura Poe

Kim Redford – Co-Chair

Sarah Reynolds

Pam Randall

Ryan Stouffer

Meg Thompson – Chair

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

DEC (Ashley Leslie)

Ashley Leslie shared an update regarding the QM course review rubric. In Fall 2022, a small group of faculty and staff worked to revise/edit the QM rubric that is used to review online and hybrid courses. The group finalized revisions and developed the Longwood University Distance Course Checklist, which Faculty Senate Chair Virginia Lewis will be discussing in more detail in a coming Senate meeting.

ITS – User Support (Kim Redford & John Hogge – Classroom Technologist)

John Hogge addressed several classroom issues/questions that were brought to the committee's attention at the last meeting.

1. **Classroom Projector Issues – Some classroom projectors are very dim and hard to see.** John reported that new laser projectors will be installed in all classroom spaces that currently have the older projectors with bulbs. This project should be finished up by the end of the spring semester.
2. **Issue With Audio When Using Zoom – Audio is not always adequate when using Zoom in classrooms.** John explained that document cameras with speakers were installed in most classrooms as a “quick fix” to accommodate COVID needs for remote teaching. These devices are not ideal for audio. Funding will likely not allow for better audio solutions to accommodate teaching with Zoom in all academic spaces. It was discussed that committee members work within their areas to identify one or two spaces per building that could be equipped for this purpose.
3. **Desire to have the ability to connect to the classroom projection system wirelessly with a laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.** John shared that some spaces are using Creston's Air Media now for this purpose. These devices could be made available in additional spaces as needed.
4. **What is the next “big” thing in classroom technology?** Kim reminded the group that this is a topic that could/should be addressed by the committee. Those conversations should be driven by feedback from academic departments and shared by committee members. This led to a great conversation in which Pam Randall shared how her area has formed “tech groups” that lead that charge for technology related things for the

department. Chair Meg Thompson charged the group with having conversations within their areas about this and be ready to discuss at the next meeting. Items 2, 3 and 4 above could be addressed during these discussions.

- The new Doodle Poll for the April meeting has already been distributed. Meg will be in touch with meeting information.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm