

Academic Technology Advisory Committee

March 16, 2021

Corey Call	Julie Mersiowsky – Not in Attendance
Darrell Carpenter	Kim Redford – Co-Chair
Scott Chapman	Sarah Reynolds
Samantha Ellington	Shannon Salley
Krystle Forlines – Not in Attendance	Janet Smith
Jeff Ledford – Chair	Denis Trubitsyn – Not in Attendance
*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)
 - Nothing new to report
- DEC Update (Samantha Ellington)
 - Noteworthy updates from the March Canvas Release Notes:
<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Releases/Canvas-Release-Notes-2021-03-20/ta-p/446668>
 - Course Availability Date Enhancements: Settings> Course Details> Participation: The default setting will be TERM as opposed Start and End dates that were previously an option. Terms are set by the Academic Calendar/Banner and fed to Canvas.
 - SpeedGrader: For online assignments with a due date, instructors can view a *Reassign* button in SpeedGrader. If they require a student to redo an assignment, they can reassign the assignment directly to the student from within their grading workflow in SpeedGrader.
 - Assignments/RCE: In File Upload assignments, students can use their webcam to submit to an assignment.
- Old Business
 - Samantha and Jeff have been working on WebAssign replacement/alternative options.
 - Samantha and Darrell Carpenter have been working on Canvas P&T Shell possible automation.
 - Canvas' ePortfolios are still an option or the DEC can explore any platforms that committee members bring to the table.
 - Janet Smith suggested better publicity regarding available classroom technology in specialized rooms. She pointed out that faculty are not aware of all options for maximizing use of the technology. Specifically in classrooms she discussed at the last ATAC meeting – Grainger 101 and Allen 208. She would like an option for faculty to

receive training on the equipment. Kim is going to have the classroom technician create a list of specialized classrooms and provide documentation for use. She stated that ITS is happy to accommodate hands on training in the spaces by request. Kim is going to send the list to all ATAC committee members to share with their department.

- Samantha reminded the group that the DEC is happy to provide departmental software training and support.

- New Business

1. Faculty Senate Update concerning FPPM Item(s)—Jeff Ledford
 - a. During the meeting, there were several concerns raised about the changes ATAC approved last semester.
 - b. FPPM has passed. There were personal experiences shared and a lot of talk of Quality Matters misunderstanding. Jeff asked if a sample rubric was available. Samantha said she could email one. Policy and procedure breakdown is also available.
 - c. Samantha said some of the confusion involved online courses due to Covid. Anyone who had a course that came up for review was asked if the course would have been online if not for Covid and if not, could bypass the review altogether and receive a semester pass. Faculty should reach out to Ashley Leslie for additional assistance.
 - d. Jeff asked if there is an alternative to QM certification. The DEC is open to suggestions and could evaluate options. QM deals with accessibility and online course management that leads to a learner receiving a successful online course.
2. Jeff inquired about Canvas telling students their average by default. Specifically, could that be taken off? Samantha said the grade book can be customized and has options. She is going to email him documentation to manage preferences.
3. Darrell asked if the DEC has a Canvas faculty group or if it is the ATAC committee. Samantha said there was a group and it dissolved. They are working on forum and group options to be offered soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.