Academic Technology Advisory Committee February 20, 2018 3:45 pm | French 300A

Members Present:

Scott Chapman Brooke Russo Surma Mukhopadhyay Shannon Salley Sara Reynolds Corrie Kelly Brandon Jackson Kim Redford Scott McElfresh Julie Mersiowsky

Not Present: Leigh Lunsford

Scott Chapman brought the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. He noted that there are two remaining meetings this semester: March 20th and April 17th.

IT Update – Kim Redford

Kim Redford addressed two requests of Banner 9 that were brought up at a prior meeting. The first regarding student photo availability as part of the student record and the second regarding a class wait-list option for students. Kim spoke to Susan Hines about this. Susan reports that both requests are on her radar for evaluation; however, they are not top priority at this time.

Kim also spoke about Windows Ink replacing SMART Podium software in classrooms. Alison Kendrick has developed step-by-step instructions for use of Windows Ink. She is willing to attend ATAC or departmental meetings upon request to demonstrate functionality of the software.

Kim provided an ETF/computer refresh update. Dell Optiplex 790 and 7010 machines were replaced this cycle. The Dell Optiplex 9020 is the next model to be refreshed.

Approximately 120 classroom machines have been refreshed. Work continues on classroom conversion to HDMI technology.

Scott Chapman reported that while teaching in Bedford 106, his students were unable to connect their laptops as there were no compatible adapters available. Kim will look into Crestron AirMedia and other options that can be used to display from laptops and other sources. Julie Mersiowsky noted that the DEC has 6 Apple TVs and dongles for checkout for up to a 2 weeks that would accommodate his needs.

DEC Update – Julie Mersiowsky

The DEC is in conversation and the early stages of developing plans to partner with the Writing Center to offer more options for distance graduate students. The current question on the table is whether to contract out or hire the pending positions within the partnership. Julie also noted that the DEC has hired an Instructional Designer who will start on March 12th.

Brooke Russo inquired about multiple answer options on quizzes within Canvas because she has found that the grading tool is only giving partial credit. Julie will investigate and report back to the committee.

Assessment Grading Survey Results

Scott McElfresh reported that of the 82 faculty members polled, 31 responded. The results reflected that two-thirds of those polled are interested in a new option for grading student tests. Scott Chapman and Kim Redford will work together on the next steps for presenting what options faculty will have if/when Scantron is phased out. Susan Hines will need to be involved if Brandon Jackson's aforementioned software is going to be used as an option. Once a clear outline, alternative options, and communications have been put together Kim and Scott will work together to get the information out to Faculty Senate and the appropriate channels.

As there was no new business, Scott Chapman adjourned the meeting at 4:46.