

Academic Technology Advisory Committee

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Beach, Jennifer	Perry, Jeanine
Harrison, Blaine	Redford, Kim
Lehman, Mary	Quarles, Jenny
Lynch, Bob	Yang, Ling

Gretchen Braun and Ayse Balas were not present. Jennifer Beach was introduced as Amanda McLellan's replacement. Matt Alexander was introduced by Jenny Quarles as the new student representative.

Kim Redford began the meeting at 3:32pm in French 300A.

1. Echo Replacement News

Jenny Quarles reported that there were 10 options on the table for replacement of Echo 360. After much research and demos they have settled on 3 options for the University to choose from. Jenny urged ATAC members to go to their departments and remind everyone of the open demos that are taking place next week in the DEC space. There will be an assessment form for users to fill out and a blog which will help to gather data. Jenny has called other VA Universities that are using the 3 options to get feedback to help in the decision making.

2. Internet2

Kim Redford reported that Longwood is now a member of Internet2, a consortium of nearly 300 Universities working in partnership with industry and government to develop and deploy advanced network applications and technologies. Longwood is a level 4 member. This membership also allows for discounted pricing for some applications and other academic resources that Longwood utilizes. The DEC is looking into opportunities through Internet2. More information about Internet2 can be found at <http://www.internet2.edu/about-us/>.

3. Distance Learning Statement Activity

Jenny Quarles led the group in an activity to help in crafting a vision/mission statement for online learning. At the end of the activity each member was asked to write a draft of the statement. The drafts were collected and will be reviewed and posted in the committee's Canvas course. Further discussion about this will take place at the March meeting.

4. IT update

Kim Redford stated that IT is working on ETF projects. Forty-five new machines have been ordered for classroom workstation replacements. They will be installed over the summer. The Chichester remodel project planning is underway. Kim also highlighted that User Support is utilizing Bomgar, a new remote assistance technology that allows for more efficient support for the Longwood community.

5. DEC update

Jenny Quarles reported that the DEC is busy with the Echo 360 replacement process. The DEC is considering the purchase of an interactive teaching program that was piloted by a faculty member last semester. This program provides connectivity of student mobile devices, polling, tournaments, and more.

Kim Redford adjourned the meeting at 4:32pm.