

Academic Technology Advisory Committee

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Braun, Gretchen	Redford, Kim
Harrison, Blain	Quarles, Jenny
Lehman, Mary	Smith, Robin
Lynch, Bob	Yang, Ling

Kim Redford began the meeting at 3:30pm in French 300A.

1. Echo360 Contract Update

- Jenny Quarles began by informing the Committee of an issue that occurred with Echo 360 during winter break/intersession. Echo 360 lost all lectures that had been recorded prior to an upgrade that took place in August 2015. The recordings were restored on January 4, 2016. Jenny is working with IT to make the “lost” captures available to users as soon as possible.
- The DEC is not going to renew the contract with Echo 360 that ends on June 30, 2016. She noted that we had been with Echo since 2012 and encountered many service issues fueling the move. Jenny stated that Echo 360 users should feel free to continue to use the product through the contract end date.
- The DEC will conduct an initial review of available products for a replacement for Echo and present options to ATAC. They will provide a comparison chart of products for consideration. They are looking for alternatives similar to Echo that might also offer classroom polling and other desired functionality. Jenny asked whether the choice should be in the hands of a smaller committee or if a larger group should be involved. It was agreed upon by the committee that university wide involvement would be beneficial. Current Echo 360 users will be asked to assist with the process. Jenny will provide direction and next steps.
- Also discussed was a new hi-flex model being utilized for the RN to BSN program in which students choose to participate in classes electronically or face-to-face. The use of Echo 360 was planned; however, in light of the current situation, a product called Screencast-O-Matic is being utilized. Jenny stated that extra licenses were purchased for Screencast- O- Matic and encouraged the committee to explore the software.

2. Video Conferencing Classroom Update

- Kim Redford reported that currently video conferencing functionality is available in two classrooms in Hull. Equipment previously available in Ruffner and the Library have seen end of life and will be removed.
- A mobile video conferencing option was discussed; however, no plans to move forward with that are in place at this time.

3. IT Update (Kim Redford)

- IT plans to complete (3) classroom HDMI upgrades over spring break: Chichester G12, Ruffner 350, and Library 209.
- Faculty and staff computer refresh for this cycle is underway. IT has moved to a new “All-In-One” model for faculty and staff office machines. All components are built into the back of the monitor and no “tower” is used. This will provide better space efficiency and a cleaner look. It was requested that DVD drives remain available on faculty machines as many textbooks still ship with accompanying disks.
- All technology in the Hiner G16 lab has been updated. The new All-In-One machines are being used in this space.
- A meeting to discuss plans for the Chichester 101 technology remodel will take place on February 11th.
- IT is currently implementing a new ID management system.

4. DEC Update (Jenny Quarles)

- The DEC is gearing up for trainings and demo opportunities for a Canvas upgrade that will happen after Spring 2016 finals and before Summer 2016 sessions begin. Jenny explained that the look and feel will be very different. A beta environment will be made available to faculty and staff prior to the upgrade.
- The DEC will begin a search for additional staff in the spring. One full time and one part time position are being considered.
- The DEC reported a record number of support instances over winter break mostly due to the Echo 360 incident.
- ATAC student representative, Josh Burtner, is currently student teaching. Jenny will bring in another student representative for the remaining meetings this semester.

Also noted, Amanda McLellan will choose another representative from the Library to serve on the committee as she is leaving the University.

Kim Redford adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.