

TO: Faculty Senate

From: Robin Smith, Presiding Chair and Jenny Quarles, Staff Co-Chair, Academic Technology Advisory Committee

DATE: April 22, 2015

RE: 2014-2015 Annual Report

The Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) discussed and provided advice to the Senate on the following:

- Classroom redesign in Grainger Hall, Ruffner Hall, and Hull Education Building
- Qualifications and position needs for Associate Vice President of Information Technology
- Revisions to section U of the *FPPM* regarding course review in collaboration with the Academic Chairs Council
- Revisions to section U of the *FPPM* in regards to hybrid course definition through EPC
- Selection and purchase of proctoring and cheating deterrent software Respondus Lockdown Browser
- Committee liaisons to departments to ensure awareness of IT and instructional technology-related conversations reached each department and to allow departments to funnel requests and comments back to the ATAC
- Recommendation to secure State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement through SCHEV to offer online and hybrid courses to out-of-state students
- Recommendations to IT regarding computer maintenance and operating system upgrades
- Support of Adobe Creative Cloud license purchasing via IT to save individual departments funds for software purchases
- Budget recommendations to IT and DEC regarding faculty software and instructional technology needs for 2015-2016 academic year
- Support of modernization of classrooms by IT through upgrading presentation equipment (projectors) in strategic classrooms

On April 22, the Senate voted to change the definition of *hybrid/blended* in the *FPPM*, as recommended by this committee: Blended/Hybrid: at least 50% ~~30%~~, but less than 100%, online instructor-student contact (~~more than 6.25~~ 3.75 but less than 12.5 online contact hours per credit hour)

The committee chairs for 2015-2016 will be elected during the April 28th meeting. Mark Kendrick and Jenny Quarles will alternate annually to represent IT/DEC in a co-chair capacity.