Committee on Academic Technology
November 20, 2015
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Center for Teaching and Learning
330B Raynor Memorial Library

Minutes

Attending: Mike Class, SJ; Heidi Schweizer; Kathy Lang; Maggie Cinto; Ericka Tucker; Tom Wirtz; Gary Meyer; Kevin Rich; Mark Johnson; Janice Wellburn; Shaun Longstreet; Amber Young-Brice; James Brust; Richard Marklin; David Strifling;

Excused: Chris Stockdale; Jon Pray; Bruce Boyden; Jenn Fishman; Adam Kouhel; Patrick Loftis

Recorder: Fr. Michael Class, S.J.

Reflection/Prayer: Tom Wirtz

Approval of Minutes:
☐ October 16, 2015 meeting minutes
   Minutes approved as amended.

New Business

☐ Tour of CTL’s new Global Collaborative Learning Space. Newly renovated space from old teaching space. Three new multi-input LED screens replace the two old rear projection screens, moved old laptops to storage, available for loan), prefer BYO computer space. Moveable white boards, and Crestron WiFi links from systems to big screens, that allows interactive Power Points, etc. can write to screen and save. Two cameras and microphones at seats allow for video conferencing.

Two MU Engineering alumni created Focalcast, a cloud based interface for similar collaboration.

857 faculty members have now used this space this term. 45 used new faculty lounge. Booking the room now becoming a challenge, limiting reservations to actual class time needed with systems. E.g.
Engineering faculty working in groups of 25 to 30 learning Active Learning techniques they are bringing back to their own classes.

Campus Master Planning process looking at what kinds of spaces are desired, including this kind of space.
Current room holds 34, about the size of a standard classroom, (needs 36 for typical A&S class).

Screens can hold 4 projected screens at once.

CTL website has more information about this space.

Cost of this room was @$120K, compared to @$30 for our current smart classrooms.

CAT recommends that UA seek naming donors to sponsor such classrooms. (Vote unanimous)

Old Business

☐ Faculty Tech Day Committee?
   Should there be a 2016 Day?
      Not in Fall. Not in same model. Consensus is for multiple, smaller, events centered in CTL.

☐ Update on clicker pilot / Learning Catalytics / BYOD (Chris Stockdale)
   Chris Stockdale could attend due to teaching conflict.

☐ Update on D2L interfaces (Checkmarq / Widgets)
   Cengage could not make these work in past, say they now can.
   Two other issues: data protection; ADA compliance.
   ITS staff not confident that vendors can make these work properly.
   ADA compliance is problematic because Feds come in on a single complaint and demand that entire university make everything compliant in a given time frame, whether vendors are or not.

Other Items

☐ December 4th Meeting Cancelled