Committee on Academic Technology  
February 26, 2016  
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
414 Cudahy Hall

Approved Minutes

Attending: Maggie Cinto; Scott D’Urso; Jenn Fishman; Mark Johnson; Kevin Rich; Heidi Schweizer; John Su; Janice Welburn; Amber Young-Brice; Dan Smith (sub for Kathy Lang).

Excused: Shaun Longstreet, Jon Pray, Kathy Lang; Christopher Stockdale; David Strifling; Tom Wirtz.

Not Present: Mike Class S.J.; Adam Kouhel; Patrick Loftis; Richard Marklin.

Recorder: Amber Young-Brice

Reflection/Prayer: Heidi Schweizer

Approval of Minutes:
• January 22, 2016 meeting minutes  
• Approved with corrections.

New Business

• SharePoint site resurrected - Dr. Rich resurrected the site to have the ability to share documents and agenda items moving forward.

Continuing Business

• Advocate memo for updated facilities (Kevin Rich)- Brainstorm session regarding thoughts on advancing technology in classrooms, modeling off of the Global Learning Center. Committee members present at meeting asked to brainstorm strengths and weaknesses regarding use of classrooms such as the Global Learning Center. Dr. Rich collected suggestions and will update on the Advocate memo on the SharePoint site.

• Update on widget data collection (Kevin Rich)- Dr. Rich provided an update regarding the widget data collection survey. Survey results presented act as another data point and further exploration is needed. Dr. Rich has met again with the Pearson rep to continue the discussion regarding bridging publisher platforms to D2L. A discussion ensued regarding use of Qualtrics, the new campus survey tool. Discussion then returned to the survey results concerning quality of online publisher assignments and students having to buy the online package in order to complete the homework. Dr. Rich admitted that there is variability to the publisher’s quality of homework. Dr. Welburn
suggested developing a repository of whom on campus is using what publisher technology and therefore building a community of users who can help each other when exploring the use of different publishers. Concerns regarding ADA and FERPA arose in discussion. Next steps involve trialing/piloting with one publisher and multiple faculty for feasibility and completing a cost/benefit analysis. Dr. Schweitzer brought up concerns regarding D2L and who has access during the piloting process. Dr. Rich will give this more thought and present an update at the next meeting.

- AY 2016 – 2017 planning document to SharePoint- Document is on SharePoint and Dr. Rich would like it to be a living document that we can all utilize.

- Faculty Tech Day- Discussion ensued regarding beginning planning on the next tech day. Suggestions made regarding getting more faculty support and presence at an event and the possibility of spreading this out over the semester or year where there are skill building seminars that faculty will leave with actionable insights regarding the use of different technology. Dr. Welburn discussed what is our committee about and what do we need to do moving forward with the committee work/aligning with university strategic plan, master plan, and thinking about technology needs of campus. Discussion ensued regarding developing a new mission and vision of the CAT. Dr. Rich suggests that we explore what the CAT is and what we want it to be going forward before we delve into planning Faculty Tech Day. Dr. Rich will post in SharePoint the current mission and vision of the CAT and then will send out a Qualtrics to survey top priorities of the CAT.

- Other items- Dr. Welburn provided update on electronic versus print journals. This topic came up at last Senate meeting regarding funding for the library. Different publisher licenses are under review. The library has cancelled various journals over the past few years and is continuing to work with faculty regarding what license contracts to keep and what contracts to cancel. At this time if new licenses are necessary, something else must be canceled.

- Other Items- D2L/CheckMarq team. IT is working on planning their workload and will update the committee as necessary moving forward.