University Council Technology Standing Committee

MINUTES   OCTOBER 24, 2012   2:30 PM

MEETING CALLED BY	Laura Spray, Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR	Laura Spray, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Margaret Canzonetta
ATTENDEES	Members Present: Mary Hardin, Chris Kuhn, E. Stewart Moritz, Alvaro Rodriquez, Laura Spray, Suzanne Testerman Guests: Margaret Canzonetta (recording secretary), John Savery Absent with notice: Aimee DeChambeau, Eric Mundy, Phyllis O'Connor, Jim Sage Absent without notice: Alicja Sochacka

Agenda topics

CALL TO ORDER

DISCUSSION	Laura Spray called the meeting to order. The September 25, 2012 meeting minutes were approved with no changes. The minutes have been posted on the UC SharePoint site.

ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

DISCUSSION	The Committee met to discuss the demo on teacher technology. They discussed the need to solicit further members for the Academic and Student Committees and how to get the message out to faculty members about the new technology. A survey will be sent out at the end of October to faculty to gain a deeper understanding on what they are using, the impact on students, assessments, what is available, what's missing, and any feedback. Mary suggested that the survey include a question on what people need and how to get additional help. Laura is working on a timeline for what the committee is planning. John reported that Gordon Schukwit from Apple will be here on November 15 at 10 am in Bierce Library 154.

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY
SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

DISCUSSION	Laura reported that a notice was sent about the first meeting of the committee to be held on November 7 from 12-1 pm.

STEERING AND ADVISORY PROJECT
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION	A discussion was held about the timeframe of when IT becomes involved with the Steering and Advisory Project Management Committee. Laura reported that committee member, Aimee DeChambeau, is interested in representing the University Council on the Advisory committee. A motion was made and passed to suggest that Aimee represent the University Council as a member of the Advisory Committee. There was a discussion about how projects are prioritized, and the Committee agreed that it could write a letter in support of specific projects. Laura questioned whether there should be a SEAC and CPAC representative on the Committee as well. Stewart suggested that this question should be raised with University Council.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION	John reported that Illuminate was purchased by Blackboard. Blackboard is coming back to UA and the colleges see some limitations with the software and are concerned. John did some research on clicker products and has issued an RFP. Legal is looking at the agreement and an ad hoc committee has been formed. John will be going to the Faculty Senate to help form the committee. John also reported that they are also looking at a desktop video conferencing unit. There was a discussion on the usage, licensing, and comparison with Webex. An ad hoc committee will be formed to review the unit. John will prepare a draft letter about the subject for the Committee to review. Mary discussed a problem with new faculty who have an employment contract but are not entered into the University's UANET system until they start work. They cannot access Springboard or other systems and thus need to open a ticket in Footprints. Laura indicated that they should be able to get a UANET ID 90 days prior to their start date. As long as HR has a PAF or a contract, they can get an ID. John said that Springboard is looking into a solution for hiring units to handle this issue. New faculty can get set up in Springboard with a UANET ID even if they have not been added in Peoplesoft. Mary said there are problems with "active" faculty not getting into Springboard – they cannot see their classes. Laura reported that MyAkron and Springboard are making some programming changes and they should be able to get into the program. Laura will follow up on these issues.

MEETING DATES

DISCUSSION	The next meeting of the Committee will be November 27 at 2:30 pm in Leigh Hall room 413.