Faculty IT Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, October 15th, 2012; 1:00-2:00pm Lincoln Room, Memorial Union

Members Present: Floyd Davenport (ISS), John Christensen (School of Law), Rosemary Walker (School of Business), Rusty Taylor (Allied Health), Shiao-Li Ding (Music), Shaun Schmidt (Chemistry) Guests: Becky Dodge (Allied Health), Eileen Broddus (ITS), Brenda White (ISS).

1. Call to Order Floyd Davenport called the meeting to order. No chair has been identified for this committee to replace Leslie Reynard. Floyd stated that he would send an e-mail to the VPAA to select a chair.

2. Approval of April 25th, 2012 minutes Minutes from the April 25th, 2012 meeting were approved with no changes. Brenda clarified that previous minutes are placed in the ANGEL group and off the ITS website at:

   http://www.washburn.edu/a-z-index/its/projects-planning/committees/fitac.html

3. Committee Reports and Information Items (Floyd Davenport)
   a. E-mail/Calendar
      The e-mail/calendar/collaboration group has formed and will meet for the first time on October 15th, 2012. They will look at cloud services –Google or Microsoft (Exchange-in the cloud). These services have little to no cost. They will also look at the migration path from the old e-mail system. Rusty Taylor stated that they should be looking at security and privacy concerns with the e-mail/calendar system. Floyd stated that Lisa Jones, University Council is on the committee. Rusty asked if they have looked at Starpage?

   b. Technology Request Funding
      Technology Budget requests are due November 12th, 2012. Floyd stated that FITAC will have input on the recommendation for funding. Floyd is also meeting with the Deans to discuss technology projects and needs. Shaun Schmidt stated that perhaps they need to look at how funding is determined or the budgeting process.

   c. Quality Initiative
      A Quality Initiative project is starting. A link to the website for information will be provided by Nov. 1st. This is an opportunity to collaborate, IT and faculty. Floyd stated that FITAC members should submit ideas.

   d. LMS selection
      Eileen Broddus (ITS) and Becky Dodge (Allied Health) were invited to present their information to FITAC on the three vendors for the LMS selection: Blackboard, Canvas, and Desire2Learn. Eileen evaluated the systems and how they would integrate with Banner and Luminus for grades, enrollments, and authentication. All three systems do present some kind of single sign-on. All systems can also present some kind of solution for
recording the 3 Fs, although none were a perfect solution. Eileen stated that Canvas meets all integration requirements. Blackboard integration would need a Banner(Elucian) upgrade and likely service fees from Elucian would be involved. She is still waiting for more information from Desire2Learn. Eileen asked whether the D2L implementation fees would cover the Banner integration?

Becky Dodge presented information from the Allied Health department and their evaluations, at this point, for all three systems.
Blackboard: the Allied Health department felt that Blackboard very much looked like ANGEL-but felt it was like taking 2 steps back in an LMS system. Faculty had difficulty getting around in the system.
Canvas: They felt was very student friendly, but lacking on addressing faculty pedagogy needs and the tools were not robust enough for faculty. Faculty had difficulty getting around in this system. Lacking in quiz feature, including no ability to change exams, doesn’t allow a re-grade, lacking in item analysis, and time limit doesn’t work. They also requested input from Pittsburgh State nursing faculty about their decision to implement Canvas and received negative feedback from their colleagues on Pitt State, Canvas adoption—specifically in relation to the quiz feature. Allied Health faculty felt the quiz feature in Canvas was unacceptable and that they need a robust tool for accreditation purposes.
After more discussion, it was stated that they felt more time was needed to evaluate these systems in more depth.

4. **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at approx. 2:00pm.

Submitted by Brenda White.

Approved by FITAC 1-17-13