Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee Annual Report

August 2018-May 2019

Co-Chairs: Simon Tarr (School of Visual Art and Design) & Heather Heckman (Libraries—elected co-chair spring 2019)

The committee consisted of eight elected members: including the chairs, Susan Rathbun-Grubb (Library and Information Science), Sophya Garashchuk (Chemistry), Zhenlong Li (Geography—stepped down spring 2019), Cole Chapman (Public Health), Ana Lopez-De Fede (Social Work), and Robert Mullen (Engineering).

No student members participated this year.

There were also seven ex-officio appointed members: Doug Foster (ex-officio, DoIT), Michelle Foster (ex-officio, DoIT), Paul Sagona (ex-officio, Research Computing—joined spring 2019), Glenn Bunton (ex-officio, University Libraries), Debbie Kassianos (ex-officio, VPR's office), Cheryl Addy (ex-officio, Provost's Office), and Aaron Marterer (ex-officio, Registrar).

This report is a summary of the meetings and major actions of the Senate IT Committee for the 2018-19 academic year.

Meetings, invited guests, and topics:

2018-08-29: Lydia Frass, Augie Grant, Mike Kelly, Susan Quinn and Karen Pettus attended the meeting. Ms. Frass and Ms. Quinn presented BlackBoard Ally to the committee.

2018-09-27: Doug Foster reported on the state of research computing and requested nominations for a committee of approximately 8 faculty members charged with research computing governance.

2018-10-10: The committee discussed the roadmap for the academic year. It was agreed that an envisioned faculty IT survey could help set committee priorities.

2018-10-24: BlackBoard Ally was discussed again. The committee moved to recommend Ally's implementation while urging that its use *not* be required of faculty.

2018-11-07: Brian Dusel and Melissa Spring presented on university web communications, in response to a direction from the Faculty Senate to respond to issues raised by a group of department chairs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Recommendations were to publish a list of university-wide site managers and to encourage communication among those site managers and their constituencies (e.g., re: update procedures). (Corresponding report submitted to Faculty Senate January 2019)

2018-11-28: Jeff Hostilo presented on the state of classroom technology, highlighting the significant challenges DoIT faces in this area. Notable was the fact that last year doubled the

number of supported classrooms but with the same allotted resources. Mr. Hostilo expressed the desire for a governing body to make decisions on classroom enhancement.

2019-01-29: The committee reviewed the draft faculty IT survey and discussed web communications again.

2019-02-12: Zhenlong Li stepped down from the committee because he was unable to attend. A co-chair was sought because Simon Tarr was unable to attend Faculty Steering meetings; Heather Heckman was elected. The faculty IT survey was approved for distribution.

2019-03-19: The results of the survey were discussed. Topics of interest for the committee in the 2019-2020 academic year were selected from the survey results.

2019-04-02: Aaron Marterer presented on an upcoming Banner upgrade. An upcoming web accessibility audit and concerns about TFAC having to resubmit their entire work history each time they taught were discussed.

2018-04-16: Tena Crews, Trena Houp, and other representatives from the Office of Distributed Learning presented on video captioning for accessibility.

2019-05-07: Heather Heckman was elected chair for the 2019-2020 academic year.