FETC Regular Meeting

December 7, 2017  2:00-3:00 pm  Beatty room 301

Present: Deanna Caveny-Noecker (Ex-Officio, Assoc. Provost), Wendy Cory, Douglas Ferguson, Zach Hartje (Ex-Officio, TLT/Deputy CIO), Paul Sanchez, Mark Staples (Ex Officio, CIO & Sr VP for IT), Alem Teklu

1. Minutes of November 9 meeting - approved

2. TLT report – Zach
   OAKS upgrade on December 19 to version 10.7
   It was not explicitly stated that the system will be unavailable on this date. The Gen Ed Assessment groups will need to use OAKS on that day. TLT conference has 25 proposals for faculty-led sessions. Hopes to fit them all in. Keynote speaker will be VP of Education at Georgetown University, Randy Bass.

3. Faculty survey - Alem
   Room locations were not included in survey comments – we will use these as aggregate survey results. We should be able to pull this out of individual surveys in Qualtrics. Many of the comments are things that have been noted before, especially age of equipment. Software can be added upon request. There is a need for high-fidelity equipment for music equipment.
   Questions brought up by committee:
   • Do the survey results match up with the Strategic Plan?
   • Did the survey responses give any way to determine needs specific to particular groups – what kind of refinement can be done on the results? Perhaps defining classrooms according to “levels” so dept chairs can request a room that meets particular needs.

Receiving questions and communication about the decision-making process – sometimes people have felt that they were not informed about different advisory groups. Mark: We need multiple inputs in different ways. “non-standardized
standardization” will be driven by budget. IT wants to provide the right “spaces” for classes. We need to be able to answer the question “Why are we doing this?”

Wendy – Could we do a sub-survey for lab courses? The needs and concerns are very different than for regular classrooms. One important request is to reduce the footprint of teaching station. Zach stated that they are doing a pilot program to try removing teaching station from an organic chemistry lab, hoping to expand that to the other 10 or more labs.

Mark – We want to reduce the nagging problems that faculty are having, so that we can begin to address bigger problems. When problems happen, students are also frustrated – we need to consider the students’ experience with technology in classrooms and all kinds of labs as well. IT is willing to send people to observe labs to get an idea of what problems are occurring and what needs to be addressed. Contact Zach.

Zach – Beta testing of Apple TV in a lab is going on so faculty can project from their laptops, and so we don’t have to carry around dongles to adapt to teaching station.

The committee will do some more work with the data before presenting it to the faculty senate.

4. Other items

Status of Kaspersky replacement: Decision has been made to make the replacement, IT is evaluating a different solution now. No timeline is available.