FETC Regular Meeting

September 14, 2017  2:00-3:00 pm  Tate room 202

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

1. Welcome

2. Introductions

3. Chair and Secretary Election
   Alem Teklu, chair of this committee for 2016-2017, was elected to serve as chair for a second term, 2017-2018.
   Wendy Cory was elected to serve as secretary for 2017-2018.

4. Review of Committee Duties
   Mark – How do committee activities go to the faculty senate?
   Deanna – The committee can act without senate endorsement.
   Mark – The faculty need to know the results from this committee.
   Deanna – We can email through the FacultyAdmin listserv to have that information sent out.
   Deanna also noted that the committee should “speak for the committee” and that it depends on the Faculty Senate speaker to announce if/when the committee wants to hold open meetings.
   Mark – The faculty must have a voice, the committee should decide how to structure our communication
   Deanna – the meeting minutes are posted on the Faculty Senate committees website and report out once a year. Meetings are announced in advance on Yammer.

5. Review of Annual Report
   David suggested that in order to share last year’s report with the new members of the committee, the Sharepoint should be updated and new members should be added.
6. Agenda for the Year

Mark – IT is moving toward digital literacy, where staff, faculty, and the university is using technology where appropriate. Because different people on campus have different technology needs, it is a journey. There are six strategies:

- How we communicate
- Decision Support – Learning Analytics
- Automation – systems that talk to each other
- Academic Ecosystem – OAKS
- Network Infrastructure
- Security – both information and physical

David asked for a report from Mark before our next meeting. Mark agreed to share this report with the committee.

Zach suggested that members of the committee join the Academic Advisory Committee, which will meet twice per semester and is intended to open lines of communication between IT and faculty.

Deanna – What topics have come up so far?

Zach – Access to good wireless networking, classroom infrastructure, computer replacement. Hopes to come up with discipline-specific plans.

Deanna – What about computers for new faculty?

Mark – the committee has worked on this and met with the deans. There are separate issues regarding faculty who want multiple computers, as well as those funded by grants, which are a different story. New faculty will get the computer that they want.

Deanna noted that communicating with administrators is important.

Mark added that lack of trust in IT is also an issue.

Deanna added that we want to avoid perennial potholes.

7. Pending – Faculty Survey

David brought up the reason for this committee, and that this group will work to advise. IT will provide info to the committee – what is working, what isn’t. The committee will seek our own data. Suggested the committee goes back to the charter – what do we want to accomplish?

Zach – the purpose of ITSAC and FETC are to give faculty a larger voice.

Mark – to identify commonalities across campus and then start focusing on things that are discipline-specific.
David suggested moving forward by setting an agenda, including discussing the faculty survey.
Alem – If there is an advisory committee, what is the role of FETC?
Zach – FETC can focus on the academic side and the advisory committee can work on it.
Deanna – FETC is about classroom technology and educational technology.
David – separate classroom IT from non-classroom IT
Mark – How faculty can use what we have. What do we need that we’re not thinking of? Three things are ongoing:
- High performance computing
- GIS
- Digital Humanities
Alem asked that the duties of the advisory committee be sent to the FETC members.

Action Items:
- Update Sharepoint drive and add new members, everyone will have access to last year’s faculty survey which will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Send duties of advisory committee to current FETC members (Mark)