Minutes - Approved

Faculty Senate Technology Team Meeting
September 5, 2013 – Ben Hill Griffin Hall - Room 201
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1) FGCU Faculty Senate President Shawn Felton discussed the operations of the Faculty Senate for the 2013-2014 academic year and discussed the general roles of the teams within the Senate governance process. He mentioned some possible topics for the Technology Team, such distance education issues, implementation of the new SPoI (Student Perception of Instruction) instrument, and MOOCs (massively online open courses). Shawn then conducted elections for the 2013-2014 chair of the Technology Team. Charles Fornaciari was selected as the chair by unanimous vote.

2) The team approved the minutes from its April 18, 2013 meeting.

3) Team members briefly introduced themselves.

4) The team briefly discussed some known issues it will address in the 2013-2014 academic year including the annual technology needs survey conducted in conjunction with Academic Event and Technology Services and reviewing its bylaws.

5) The team set its meeting dates and times for the fall 2013 semester. These dates and times are October 3, November 7, and December 5. All meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

6) Pat O’Connor-Benson (Academic Events and Technology Services) and Danielle Rosenthal coordinated the development and administration of the 2013 technology needs survey. They agreed to work together again for the 2014 technology needs survey.

7) Pat O’Connor-Benson provided an overview of Academic Events and Technology Services’ summer activities. Her overview covered:
   a. The implementation of Canvas, the university’s new learning management system (LMS). In particular, Pat discussed how Canvas is cloud-based versus the onsite hosting and management of the previous system (Angel). A brief discussion ensued regarding both the technical operations advantages (e.g., continuous updating and management by the system’s owners) and disadvantages (e.g., the complexities of coordination and troubleshooting among multiple parties — FGCU, our internet service provider, and Canvas — when problems arise) of the new cloud-based system. Members of the team provided informal suggestions regarding possible ways to enhance communications to the university community when Canvas experiences technical problems.
   b. Virtual Labs can now be accessed from off campus. As part of this discussion, Pat noted that the university has acquired licenses for Adobe Acrobat Professional exclusively for faculty use. Adobe Acrobat Professional was one of the most common faculty requests during the 2013 technology needs survey.

8) Dave Jaeger (Web, eLearning, and Publications) also provided an update on Canvas, especially as it related to instructional and course design and related faculty training and use topics.

9) Mario Bernardo (Library) provided an overview of upgrades and improves to the Library’s systems over the summer.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attendance: Charles Fornaciari, Anna Koufakou, Karen Landy, Pat O’Connor-Benson, Danielle Rosenthal, Michele Stork, and Mary Walch.

Absent: None.