Minutes - Approved

Faculty Senate Technology Team Meeting
March 25, 2014 – Cohen Center – Room 246
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1. Charles Fornaciari did not have the minutes ready from the March 14, 2014 technology team meeting. He will have them ready by the next scheduled meeting on April 4, 2014.
2. The team, led by Patricia O’Conner-Benson (Academic and Event Technology Services), reviewed the results from the recent faculty technology needs survey. Thirty eight faculty members from across campus completed the survey. The team discussed topics such as:
   a. How to handle individual academic advisor requests since advising may need to coordinate technology needs across all academic units on campus versus each unit having its own system. The 2014-2015 Technology Team should communicate with the academic advisors next year to gain clarity on this topic.
   b. How to manage Adobe Creative Cloud requests, since a conversion to Creative Cloud would involve a switch from fixed to annual recurring costs. There likely needs to be a stronger justification provided next year for acquiring Creative Cloud, especially considering the acquisitions of Adobe products on campus in the last academic year.
   c. Pat noted that funds had already been committed to acquire Softchalk and SchoolVue.
   d. The team agreed that this year resulted in more consistent requests for hardware than software, with no strong and common across-campus themes emerging from the software requests. In descending order of popularity, there was strong campus-wide requests for a) wireless tablets for podiums, b) lecture capture, c) webcams, d) BYOD, and SmartBoards (there were others as well, these were just the most common).
   e. Ultimately, the Technology Team arrived at the following recommendation by consensus: “The Technology Team concurs with Patricia O’Connor-Benson’s suggestion to emphasize hardware requests at the upcoming Dean’s Council meeting since the systems/hardware requests are more consistent and unified and there is no clear theme or thread present in the software requests that would require an enterprise solution.”
3. Sven Hahues (Network Services) announced that the university would begin an automated rollout of Internet Explorer 10 as early as next week.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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