

IUPUI Faculty Council Committee Annual Report 2006/07

Committee Name: Technology Committee

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Chair: Hasan U. Akay

Secretary: Julie Freeman

Members:

Members with Term Expiring June 30, 2007: Akay, Hasan (E&T) (Chair); Freeman, Julie (Liberal Arts: English) (Secretary); Koponen, Tim (SPEA); Kowolik, Joan (Dentistry); McGrew, John (Science: Psychology); Stoten, Sharon (Nursing); Vernon, Bob (Social Work)

Members with Term Expiring June 30, 2008: Christe, Barbara (E&T); Hoyt, Giles (Liberal Arts: WLAC); Hwang, Bang (Medicine); Jones, Josette (Nursing); Lee, Suk-Hee (Medicine: Biochemistry); Leng, Chang (Medicine); Mahoui, Malika (Informatics); Meldrum, Dan (Medicine: Surgery); Morgan, Jim (Medicine); Nardo, Rachel (Music); Richwine, Margaret (Medicine: Library); Stiffler, Deborah (Nursing)

Liaisons:

Garland Elmore (UITs, IT Administrator); Theresa Walsh (Meeting Recorder); Stacy Morrone (Associate Dean, IT Teaching and Learning)

Action Items and Status:

1. Monitoring University IT Security Policies

- a. The committee has continued working with Indiana University IT Policy Office (ITPO) throughout the year in reviewing and revising draft policies that have been pending approval. ITPO Director, Merri Lavagnino and the Deputy Director Eric Cosens, frequently participated in committee meetings to report on the progress and receive feedback on new changes. The committee endorses the decision to have one set of policies for both IU Bloomington (IUB) and IUPUI campuses.
- b. The policies that were finalized and in effect are:
 - i. IT-01: Appropriate Use of IT Resources.
 - ii. IT-02: Misuse or Abuse of IT Resources.
 - iii. IT-03: Eligibility to Use IT Recourses.
 - iv. IT-11 Effective Use of IT Resources.
- c. The pending policies which are used as interim documents are:
 - i. IT-07 Privacy of University IT Resources. This policy is in its second round of review. It was presented to the Faculty Council in spring with

- solicitation for feedback.
- ii. IT-11: Excessive Use of IT Resources.
- iii. IT: 21 Use of Electronic Mail.

The above policies are posted at the ITPO site <http://itpo.iu.edu/policies/university.html> as university-wide IT policies.

2. Review of OncourseCL and ePortfolio Developments

- a. OncourseCL status has been reviewed several times by the committee. Associate Dean of Learning Technology, Stacy Morrone, attended the meetings regularly on behalf of UITS to report on the progress and received continuous feedback from the committee to take them to the developers.
- b. The OncourseCL enhancement process developed at UITS level a year ago has been endorsed by the committee again. These separate committees on functional requirements and priorities are designed to receive feedback from faculty as well as staff on the functional requirements and priorities of the new Oncourse. The feedback received on the working relationships of these committees has been positive.
- c. Stacy Morrone gave an update report on the ePortfolio project which is in progress.

3. Proactive Involvement of Faculty in Major IT System Changes

- a. A proposal from intense users of Oncourse was entertained and discussed by the committee for developing better faculty input mechanisms for major system changes affecting teaching and learning activities before they are put into implementation. It was agreed that a system wide steering committee be formed to guide the IT administration in such changes and planning. Bylaws of a new committee which will have faculty representation from all campuses were prepared late in spring and planned to be voted on next year. While primarily concerned with the learning technologies, it was proposed that this steering committee also links with the research technologies unit of UITS.

4. Other Miscellaneous Topics Reviewed

- a. Some new measures for Management of Spam E-mails were reported by Rick Jackson, Manager of Messaging Systems. The committee endorsed the new junk E-mail system subsequently implemented by UITS.
- b. The committee was briefed by Associate Vice President, Mark Bruhn, on a student e-mail project his group has been working on to eventually grant these services to a vendor. It was mentioned that initial studies are being made, and the committee would be informed of the developments. The project has continued throughout the summer with its boundaries defined and vendors interviewed. Handing the student e-mail services over to a vendor is expected to provide a lot more new technology to students, including much bigger disk quotas.
- c. Associate Vice President, Mark Bruhn, briefed the committee on the network operations of IU, including I-light system which provides fiber optics connectivity

- to colleges and universities in the state.
- d. Craig Stewart, Associate Dean of Research Technologies, gave a presentation on the research computing facilities and activities available at IU for use of all research faculty and staff. He indicated that he will be happy to visit the individual units to give a similar presentation if he is invited.
 - e. The Dean of Library, Dr. David Lewis, gave a presentation on digital libraries as a new forum of scholarly communication and their potential for quick dissemination/publishing of information among scientific communities. He gave information on the available services at IUPUI.
 - f. Dean Elmore gave information on the recent changes in the Office of the Vice President for Information Technology. The new structure emphasizes Research and Learning Technologies as two equally important units.

5. Next Year

- a. The committee will continue with its monitory and advisory roles in various IT matters and policies on campus. It will provide faculty input to IT Security and Policy Offices in developing procedures and policies regarding security, privacy, and fair usage of IT resources.
- b. The ITPO office goes though a very rigorous process for formalizing the policies needed to monitor safety, security, and privacy of IT information on campus by soliciting feedback from many stake holders. It is advised that a more efficient and faster way of getting these policies approved would be more effective. The committee may offer help in this.
- c. The committee will continue working with Deans Garland Elmore and Stacy Morrone on various IT related matters and services, including Oncourse and e-Portfolio.
- d. The committee will provide support the formation of a Steering Committee to guide the administration in teaching and learning related IT systems. This steering committee, which is envisioned to have representation from all campuses of IU is expected to strengthen the coordination among the campuses and proactive involvement of faculty on these matters.
- e. IT impacts our professional and personal lives more and more with rapid changes happening everyday. This committee serves an important function by providing feedback to UITS administration and communicating new information to Faculty Council and academic units on campus. It is important that it has representation from all schools for proactive understanding and appreciation of the changes by the faculty. More than one representation from larger units is also welcome.