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University Senate Technology Committee
February 12, 2019, 9:00-9:50 am
CETL East End

Present: Ellen Mahaffy (A&S), Bob Stowe (COEHS), Chip Eckhardt (LTS), Eric Stevens (LTS), David Nesvacil (CoB), Robin Miller (Library), Kate Kim (CoB), Dan Schumacher (COEHS)
Absent: Andy Hanson (NHS), Joe Murphy (Student Senate)

Guests: Craig Mey, Craig Ernst, Jill Markgraf

Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

1. **Approval of November 12, 2019 meeting minutes** (see attached)
Minutes Approved

2. Jill Markgraf advocating for OER Open Educational Resources (textbooks and teaching & Learning material
https://www.oercommons.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMItMO3jqTM5wIVCdbACh1pmgHgEAAYAiAAEgJLO_D_BwE

Open educational resources are freely accessible, openly licensed text, media, and other digital assets that are useful for teaching, learning, and assessing as well as for research purposes. There is no universal usage of open file formats in OER.

From

<https://www.google.com/search?q=oer&oq=oer&aqs=chrome..69i57.1591j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

Open Access to Information

Save money compared to being forced to pay high prices for journal costs

They take our information for free and sell it back to us

Costs have been increasing 5%-7% per year

Library is cutting \$20K-30K a year to pay for existing subscriptions

Students now have to pay extra for access codes, etc. even with a textbook rental program, so Publishers can keep making high profits

Has a real impact on our students--especially ones with little money

Jill talking with John Haven and Student Senate leadership

Talking about piloting something with faculty

Content is getting better for lower-level courses

Math is example of a department that has adopted an electronic OER in many of their courses. Math 10, 20 and Math 50 use OER. No estimated savings, but a couple of thousands of students have taken.

They print on paper.

UW-System created a taskforce on this. Report coming any day now.

Unizin only used by UW-Madison <https://unizin.org/> UW-System paid \$450K to help buy it for UW-Madison

UW-Milwaukee has a program in place. They pay faculty to use OER

12,000 students have taken classes using OER materials \$1,600,000 savings

Excellence. Our measure, our motto, our goal.

Faculty has a lack of knowledge of OER
Some faculty write/publish textbooks and they want to sell their textbooks
It takes faculty effort to redesign a course
Publishers market to faculty
Faculty have issues with getting textbooks in

There are multiple OER platforms (support would be an issue)

DPI has an WiseLearn platform for OER
<https://dpi.wi.gov/wiselearn>

Cannot just use Google to search and find OER textbooks

Jill wants this committee to think about ideas and share with others to move this forward

3. Laptop Conversation

A&S want more data before they would agree
Could reduce number of GE labs
Ellen handed out a document listing issues
Would allow students to have software wherever they go.
Will be significant extra costs on SOME software if it is loaded on each laptop.
Winona State has a laptop program that Dan said is well run (Along with Stout)
Need to do a lot of research
What about some majors wanting one platform, what about faculty preferences.

Perhaps a web call with Winona State? (Dan?)
Need Student Senate involvement
This being driven by faculty--not top down.

4. IT Security & System mandates (Craig Mey)

System dictating many IT security initiatives (being pushed by Board of Regents)
Duo
CISCO security products
Reporting

LAB audit--started with Oracle BI--next costliest IT projects (all driven by UW-System, not Eau Claire)

Meeting adjourned 10:00 am

Submitted by,

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