University Senate Technology Committee
April 8, 2021, 11:00-11:52am
Virtual Meeting – Teams

Present – Chip Ekhart (UAS), Ellen Mahaffy (A&S), Bob Stow (UF), Kate Kim (BUS), Andrew Hanson (Nursing), David Nesvacil (UAS, BUS)

Guests– Jill Markgraf (Library), Kent Gerberich (LTS), Brenda Randall, Cathy Crandall (Barron)

Meeting convened at 11:00am

1. Approval of February 26, 2021 meeting minutes (see attached and on Teams)
   
   Approved Minutes

   David—approved
   Bob—second

2. LAP Next steps: (Laptop Accessibility Program)
   
   a. Sent email as a proposed recommendation (see Teams) to the Strategic Plan Committee, 3/23
   
   b. Student Senate passed 13 to 12 with two abstaining
   
   c. Sub-committee (Mahaffy, Gerberich, Swanson) to meet with Admissions to discuss proposal April 1
   
   d. Chancellor staff feelings—mixed (benefits vs. costs)

Discussion

- If it was an option in/out it would be more favorable - but that would increase costs significantly
  Barron--costs may be the biggest barrier to their students. They do have a Library/Help Desk check out system
- **What about a long-term semester checkout for students with financial needs--Barron really liked that idea as well**
- Do we meet with Foundation?
- Could/should we look at being allowed to load software in Virtual Lab (software licensing/etc.)?
- Do we get more feedback from faculty?
- All Colleges, except for A&S, are OK with a laptop program.
- Ellen is still waiting to hear back from the Provost

Talked about and updated Pros and Cons
  
  - Meet as a full committee April 8
  - Bring a resolution to share governance for a vote before April 20
  - Discussed taking to Senate Exec 10 minute open forum vs. a resolution that would be voted on

- Call to present to Senate Exec Committee at their next meeting

3. Digital Asset Preservation

   UWEC needs to address our long-term digital needs--various videos, etc. that we are required to archive

4. LTS Report (Gerberich)
   
   - FEMA site setup has taken significant hours for IT needs
• Mobile Credentials report is going to ITC
• Classroom technology orders
• UW-System's mandated ShopUW+ will require a change in technology ordering

5. Library Report (Markgraf)
• Reopening some student study rooms
• Need to replace scanner that students with disabilities need
• With Open educational resources there will be a need to have archive long-term storage

6. Other Business

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