Senate Technology Meeting – 3/17/2022

Voting Members in Attendance: Ellen Mahaffy, Dave Nesvacil, Bob Stowe, Kate Kim, Cathy Crandall (Barron), Liliana LaValle (Library), Tom Sulzer (LTS)
Non-voting Members: Kent Gerberich, Stuart Scamehorn

Guest: Al Hart, Brandon Knuth, Chip Ernest

Called to order by Ellen Mahaffy, 1:01

Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

No discussion, minutes were approved.

Introductions of new members:

- Tom Sulzer
- Cathy Crandall
- Lilly LaValle

Old Business:

Digital assets retainability.

Kent – Other campuses doing their own policies, will maintain assets.
Ellen – Working with other folks and library

LTS Update:

Kent - HR plan update. New hire for Daren Bauer’s position. 6 additional positions available to fill. Blugold Center for high performance computing has now opened. Grand opening will be coming down the line. IT Help Desk Services/ResCom help desk possible merger happening. Transitioning to allow students using Smart Phones as Blugold card. Integrated technology plan – Sonnentag Center. TV contracts up for renewal.

Craig – Meeting with Grace Cricket, discussing Follow-Me printer rollout. Possibly deploying July 1, but TBD. Department rollouts for various colleges on campus. Will be no labs in Sonnentag Center compared to CEN.

Kent – Funding towards heavily-used classrooms vs. non-heavily-used classrooms. What are the utilization rates for these rooms and how should they be funded compared to other rooms? Discussion on better utilizing spaces. Data gathering on how these spaces are utilized and possibly implementing usage statistics in labs/classrooms.

Craig - How many unique logins are happening in each room, or how is the equipment being utilized? How are the classrooms being booked?
ITC:

Stuart – Aggressively recruiting students. Currently had 3, are now up to 6 or 7. Been working with student commission officer and awaiting vote on student senate. Student tech survey sent out across campus. Some students want computers in residence halls to use software they can’t use on laptops. Questions on availability of long-term laptop checkout to run department software for classes. Discussion on lab availability/access and having easy student computer access and software availability and introducing new, incoming students to technology resources that we have. Some students aren’t aware of what we have to offer.

Library:

Lilly – Digital studio large studio checked out over 300 times in last year. Troubleshooting and working out technology issues. Continuing Open Education Resources (OCR) program. Having open resources in classrooms to reduce need of textbook rentals. Laptop needs – Need for students that don’t have laptops, seeing needs for check-out extensions longer than 2 weeks. Questions on student software needs on computers. Discussion on possibly using Foundation Funds to fill computer needs in Library.

Barron Co:

Cathy – Same situations/technical issues happening on their campus. Happy to be a part of the team. Distance Education/instructor rooms - Grateful for the support from LTS. Discussion of updating a Distance Ed. Room and working on updating another room. Updates on video collaborations/broadcasting at UWEC-Barron Co. happening with the help of LTS.

No New Business items.

Next meeting scheduled for sometime in April, 1-month out.

Adjourned at 1:58pm