

Faculty Senate IT Use Committee
Thursday, January 29, 2015
10:00-11:00AM
Zimmerman Library, Waters Room

Present: Stephen Burd, Deborah Fort, Moira Gerety, Aeron Haynie, Penny Pence, Peter Vorobieff, Jon Wheeler

Agenda

1. Greetings and special announcements
2. December action items (JW)
 - a. Committee meetings are open
 - b. Academic Technologies Working group information
 - i. Oriented toward managing, developing and planning spaces.
 - ii. Not formally sponsored by academic affairs.
 - c. Tangible outcomes for the ITUC
 - i. Faculty survey participation (see notes below)
 - ii. Communication and outreach
3. Campus IT Update (MG)
 - a. Moira provided an overview of the dashboard at <http://it.unm.edu/dashboard/>
 - b. Projects of potentially highest interest for committee members will be listed in sections 1 and 2, *Infrastructure and Services in Direct Support of Learning*, and *Infrastructure and Services Strategically Aligned with Academic Instruction and Research*
 - c. Current highlights include Coding Lab, Prep for BYOD, Digital Media Management Suite Selection, and the App Contest
4. Faculty Survey (SB)
 - a. Two important functions of the in-house faculty survey
 - i. Solicit feedback from faculty on existing services and current needs
 - ii. Get a sense of the current state of students' use of technology
 1. How can we prioritize and target services relevant to the technologies that students use?
 - b. Recently, Educause/ECAR has been conducting a nationwide survey, similar to the in-house survey but not as specific to issues and services pertaining to UNM.
 - i. Data provides a baseline assessment of technology use and gaps.
 - ii. ECAR survey has typically been distributed to 10-20% of faculty.
 - c. This year, the ECAR survey will be conducted in the spring and the in-house faculty survey will be conducted in the fall.
 - i. Change in schedule for the faculty survey provides an opportunity for the ITUC to contribute to the development of the survey. Ultimately, the committee may own the overall process (mechanics of distribution would remain with Campus IT).
 - ii. The agenda for the next meeting will include a review of ECAR and prior faculty survey questions and results.

1. Jon Wheeler will send links to the ECAR survey and information ahead of time.
5. D2K (Data 2 Knowledge) Day, February 20th, 2015 (MG)
 - a. General outline of the day includes morning presentations, with hands-on workshops in the afternoon.
 - b. Registration is free.
 - c. To register or for more information: <http://cyberday.unm.edu/>
 - d. Data 2 Knowledge 2015 is a continuation of the Campus IT hosted CyberInfrastructure Day events. Goals include:
 - i. Elaboration of needs and requirements to improve and support UNM research.
 - ii. Identification of users who can recognize opportunities to connect research questions with resources (people, technologies, etc.).
 - iii. Create and facilitate interdisciplinary engagement: How can we use data to create knowledge across domains?
 - e. ITUC engagement
 - i. Communication is a general concern
 1. How can the call for proposals be made more visible to faculty?
 - a. <http://cyberday.unm.edu/call-for-proposals.html>
 2. How can the event be communicated to the faculty, to raise awareness and participation?
 - ii. Recommendations from the committee
 1. Submit a message to the faculty governance email list
 2. Contact UNM research publicity services for a story or blurb in the UNM News.
 3. Recruitment via ITUC members.
 - a. Encourage student involvement.
 4. Develop a 'research code brigade'
 - a. Code for America will sponsor a presentation/workshop at D2K Day, or may host a coinciding event.
 - b. <http://www.codeforamerica.org/about/>
6. Additional discussion
 - a. Per the D2K Day discussion, Jon shared a link to the HathiTrust Research Center, <http://www.hathitrust.org/htrc>
 - i. UNM is a member institution of HathiTrust, faculty can log in using UNM credentials (be sure to select University of New Mexico from the drop down list).
 - ii. The Research Center enables text mining of the HathiTrust corpus by faculty at member institutions.
 - iii. The University Libraries are investigating this service and will feature additional information at their sponsored D2K Day booth.
 - b. The discussion of broader communication issues and strategies led to additional discussion about communication within the committee. Per the suggestion of several committee members, Jon will create an ITUC website to facilitate scheduling and centralize information sharing.