

UNM Faculty Senate IT Use Committee

Thursday, August 26, 2021

No face-to-face meeting location

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://unm.zoom.us/j/92647004971>

Meeting ID: 926 4700 4971

Passcode: 8675309

Chair: Trenia Walker

Attendees (Voting Members): Huaiyu (Mike) Duan, Jennifer Laws, Han Li, Marek Osinski (UNM Research Policy Committee representative), Mary Rice, Julia Scherba de Valenzuela,

(Guests): Elisha Allen (CDL/IT/AT), Trina Altman (IT/AT), Dean Bernardone (IT/AT), Jon Bocoock (IT/AT), Austin Megli (CDL), Brian Pietrewicz (IT/AT), Stephanie Spong (CDL), Lisa Yuka (IT/AT)

Regrets: Peter Lisignoli

Topics

1. Review of meeting minutes

5/27/2021 (revised) – motion Han Li, seconded Jenn Laws, approved by members
6/24/2021 (revised) – motion Jenn Laws, seconded Marek Osinski, approved by members
Reminder that July 22 meeting was cancelled

2. Welcome new members

Not yet appointed. This will occur in the September meeting.

3. Increased workload concerns related to new LMS

Jen Laws raised concerns about how much the migration to Canvas will stretch the CDL. There is the potential for creating a problematic situation. This will probably lead to additional work for “super user” faculty to fill gaps, taxing faculty expertise.

Could the committee consider drafting a “formal red flag” sent “up the chain” to warn against a potential burnout of human resources.

This discussion will continue in the September meeting.

4. FERPA training support

Jen Laws raised concern about the need for mandatory FERPA training or at least a refresher. Especially given the [emergency] move to online teaching during the campus closures last

year. Many faculty taught online for the first time and may not be aware of the FERPA guidelines related to online instruction.

Tabled until September meeting

5. Faculty Constituent Concerns

- Intellectual Property and Academic Freedom
- Online course Scheduling Process & Procedures

These concerns are interrelated, caused by the conflation of “regular” online courses with Accelerated Online Courses (AOP). At the core is, “who owns a course” (faculty member or university). The faculty member who develops a “regular” online course “owns” the course while a faculty member who develops an AOP course with support from the university (course designers and financial compensation) is considered a “co-owner” of the course. Scheduling courses now seems more onerous at UNM than at other universities because the “default” seems to be AOP.

There are also issues of course “ownership” when a faculty member leaves UNM or stops teaching a particular course. Can a program or department reassign the existing course to a new faculty member?

As the online course offerings continue to increase, so will concerns around intellectual property and academic freedom in teaching.

6. IT/AT/CDL updates

Dean Bernardone – Zoom

For now, we will continue to use a passcode, but will move to create authenticated users for the meetings.

https://unm.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/7894/kw/zoom

7. Meetings 2021-2022 schedule: 4th Thursdays; 1.5 hours; continue virtual meetings

- September 23; October 28; December 2;
- January 27; February 24; March 24; April 28; May 26*
- 1-2:30
- Zoom

Next Meeting(s): September 23, 2021