

Faculty Senate IT Use Committee

March 19, 2018, 3-4 PM

Zimmerman Library, Waters Room

Present: Jon Wheeler, Stephen Hernandez, Helen Wearing, Jon Bocock, Donna Gutierrez, Fred Gibbs, Trenia Walker, Brian Pietrewicz, Steve Spence, Marios Pattichis, Duane Arruti

1. Minutes of 10/19/2017 and 2/20/2018 meetings approved.
2. Updates
 - a. Research Technology Advisory Board:
 - i. Subcommittee conducted focus groups of research center directors, colleges and department chairs, and faculty regarding research IT needs and infrastructure. Summary has been distributed, further discussion will be on April agenda.
 - b. Academic Technology Advisory Board:
 - i. Fred Gibbs has volunteered to participate in the project prioritization and scoring group.
 - c. Committee charge further revised in consultation with Policy Committee
 - i. The policy is up for review and comment: [Revising current policy to ensure the IT Committee's role in working with UNM administrative IT groups. It also provides for a more comprehensive membership, including student representation. The title of the Committee will be changed to Information Technology Committee to more correctly reflect its role on all information technology issues affecting academics and research not just those pertaining to "use."](#)
 - d. Policy 2560, IT Governance
 - i. IT Use Committee is not referenced in the current draft – recommend specific inclusion as a matter of shared governance.
 - ii. **Action item:** Jon Wheeler and Duane Arruti will submit a proposed revision to include specific mention of IT Use Committee.
 - e. Safari Books
 - i. The University Libraries are subscribed to O’Reilly Safari books online: <https://www.safaribooksonline.com/library/view/temporary-access/>. Registration required, use UNM email address to register.
 - ii. Service offers some similar content to Lynda.com and may be used as an alternative.
3. Faculty Annual Activity Reporting (FAAR)
 - a. IT Applications team has been tasked by Provost’s office to develop assessment and analysis for FAAR type system, driven by HLC and other factors
 - b. In planning stages now – not ready for implementation
 - c. Overview of core modules – questions of data types and sources

- d. Higher Learning Commission re-accreditation process is driving prioritization of certain modules/data types/reports
- e. Questions:
 - i. Some of these data are controversial, esp with regard to promotion and tenure processes (P&T) – data quality becomes a complication
 - 1. How would such a system integrate with P&T processes?
 - 2. Need specifics re what data are collected and why.
 - 3. Which data can be anonymized?
 - 4. Data governance is an issue – how are data accessed and by whom?
Who are the stewards of different data?
 - 5. Need to document what may be collected and why.
 - ii. Communication with departments?
 - 1. What has been done re communication and what is the communication plan?
 - iii. Depth of data to be accessed and by whom?
 - iv. Is a motivation to standardize different types of data gathering that departments already have? Options for aggregating data at a higher level?
 - 1. How valuable is data outside of the departmental context?
 - v. What advantage does it bring to the University to have these data aggregated?
- 4. Developing a faculty IT survey.
 - a. A subcommittee (Jon Wheeler, Trena Walker, Fred Gibbs) will develop a statement of rationale and purpose for a survey, as well as begin drafting questions. Initial work will be presented at the April meeting.