Committee on Information Technology

Total Meetings: 5
Meeting frequency: As needed
Average hours of committee work each week: varies

Total Requests for Consultation responses: 3
Total of reviewed proposals deferred from the previous year: None
Total proposals deferred to the coming academic year: None

Listing of bylaw changes proposed: None
Listing of committee policies established or revised: None

Issues considered by the committee:
- New Learning Management System (LMS)
- Privacy of Communication and Data
- IET Service Change Requests

**COMMITTEE’S NARRATIVE**

The committee met a total of five times during the 2014-2015 academic year. Meetings were scheduled on an as needed basis. The Academic Senate Information System (ASIS) was used to notify members and distribute relevant information about the committee’s upcoming meetings.

Given below is a brief description of major tasks with potential issues that the committee addressed during the 2014-2015 academic year.

**New Learning Management System (LMS)**
UC Davis IET is working on replacing the current SmartSite with a new LMS system. The evaluation of the most popular systems occurred during the 2014-2015 academic year. Canvas was found to be the most acceptable replacement for SmartSite. The current SmartSite system will be slowly phased out (over the academic year 2015-2016), while class data that is currently housed within SmartSite will be migrated to the new system with the assistance of IET staff.

**Potential Issue:** We hope that the transition will be as painless and transparent as possible, for those that use SmartSite and for those that choose to use the new LMS. However, it is not presently clear how the change will affect faculty. There is some concern that the switch will result in a loss of faculty time due to a learning curve.

**Privacy of Communication and Data**
Many questions of privacy were raised during discussions of faculty information during meetings. In many cases, it is not clear who owns what information, individual faculty or the university as a whole. These are important questions,

**Potential Issue:** The committee hopes that we can work with Campus Counsel to understand the ownership of materials that are stored using campus storage.

**IET Service Change Requests**
The Committee on Information Technology would like to develop a better relationship with IET and appreciate them sending Service Change Requests to be considered by the committee.

**Potential Issue:** This committee would like to ensure that a system is put in place so that CIT and IET have quick correspondences. We appreciate IET’s commitment to this as well.
The committee’s principal work during the next academic year (2015-2016) will be on monitoring the implementation of the new Learning Management System, investigating the privacy of communication and data, and following a system that allows the committee to quickly get and respond to IET’s requests. We also welcome comments and suggestions that will help guide us in addressing these and other IT issues of direct interest to the Faculty of the University of California at Davis.

Respectfully Submitted,

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