
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
— MINUTES —
Thursday, February 25, 2016

Approved

PRESENT: Ron Burgher, Jasibe Carslake, Jim Eighmey, Matt Estes, Erin Feld, Sherry Goldsmith, Amanda Hill, Erin Hiro, Linda Morrow, Lillian Payn, Steve Perry, Krystal Rypien

ABSENT: Jackie Martin-Klement

CALL TO ORDER: The February 25 meeting was called to order by the Chair Lillian Payn at 2:10 p.m. in Room LL 104.

Alix Pouladdej resigned since he teaches during our meeting during our meeting time. Alix expressed an interest in returning next semester.

Jasibe Carslake was welcomed as a new member to ATC, and Jim Eighmey was welcomed back to ATC.

MINUTES: The January 25, 2016 minutes were approved as corrected.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. DE Policy Meta Analysis: Discussion tabled until next meeting.
2. DIL: Wendy Nelson and the SLO team are planning to implement the NorthStar Assessment to selected classes. They have funds to pay instructors and download the results from NorthStar.

INFORMATION:

1. Lillian summarized the issues presented at the recent Senate meeting and visit by Interim Pres. Gonzales regarding one of the Trustees voted against approval of 3 new English adjuncts due to the fact that their last names were not diverse. While the trustees voted to approve the adjuncts, this is an issue that will continue to be addressed by the Senate and Administration.
2. Staff Training: PD was asked to also train staff and so requested ATRC to provide specific types of technology training. Staff have always attended training, especially WordPress sessions. Since "Academic" TRC is not a total solution for staff training needs, ATRC will continue discussing how staff can be included in training sessions, and offer sessions that are appropriate.
3. Canvas Pilot:
 - a. 10 instructors now part of pilot.
 - b. Training for the pilots via Webinar on Fri., March 5 to address questions now that we have been implementing Canvas for 7 weeks.
4. Online Tutoring Pilot: Erin Feld debriefed the committee: Camp Pendelton, Math, English, accounting, and CSIT online via NetTutor to offer 24/7 services
5. Best Practices Showcase: Continuing to announce.

6. OEI has selected a counseling platform, Cranium Café, out of Salt Lake City, UT to offer students 24/7 counseling services. Lillian passed along the information to Dean Stockert and Rosie Antonecchia, who were interested in hearing about this service.
7. Noteworthy is the progress on the Streaming Server implementation: Almost 1500 titles in the old server will be surplus at the end of this Spring semester. About 375 are from PCTV videos that instructors have regularly used and so will be transferred by the staff since we own the copyright we have about 23 titles already digitized, closed captioned, and stored in the server. ATRC requests that instructors don't procrastinate, since our staffing will not be able to fulfill a massive number of requests during their office hours at the last minute prior to summer school or the fall semester, since overtime is not allowed. Please let us know how we can assist.
8. The High Tech Center Training Unit of the California Community Colleges sent us an alert about a law firm that has systematically contacting colleges and universities telling them that they are subject to a lawsuit due to their institutional website being out of compliance with Section 508 and ADA. Then, for a fee, they claim the suit would be dropped if they hired the firm to bring the sites into compliance. So far, 4 colleges in CA have come forward to the HTCTU that they have been contacted. Aaron Holmes has ran our site through a validator and finds that we are in compliance.

MEETINGS: 2016 SCHEDULE (LL 104), 2:00 – 3:30 pm / 2nd, 4th Thursdays
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4/28
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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.