



Faculty Senate

Information Technology Committee

Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

- Call to order at 3:04 pm
 - Quorum reached

- Approval of the Minutes for January 30, 2024 Meeting
 - Approved

- Old Business
 - Duo → Microsoft MFA Transition
 - Switch over by March 4, 2024
 - A few questions about how it will work on cell phones were asked by the committee. It was pointed out that “registration” can happen now but it is not the full experience until the switchover.
 - Workday for student-related services
 - Proposal went into President and Provost. The response was one of delay for more review and a focus on the preeminence effort. PeopleSoft has 10 years of life yet, but since the on-premise equipment is getting old and will need refreshing, the installation will be moved to the cloud. It is not expected that users will notice much during that transition.

- Guest: Doug Backman, Director of Office of Compliance
 - A brief review and then discussion of “Use of AI in Research” was conducted. Mr. Backman collected some questions and will return to a future meeting for more discussion.
 - What is research misconduct? How restrictive does a policy need to be?
 - How is AI generated text cited? Does citing AI address plagiarism threat?
 - What are the affordances and limitations of using Microsoft copilot for research purposes, for example, with our own data (student work product)? Does this get listed as the method of data analysis on IRB?
 - Discussion of a “safety net” for faculty about what is safe to do. Something (even if not perfect) may be better than nothing. Many faculty know nothing about OpenAI and the potential issues involved.

- Number of sites generating guidelines for their uses:
 - <https://new.nsf.gov/news/notice-to-the-research-community-on-ai>
 - <https://www.elsevier.com/about/policies-and-standards/the-use-of-generative-ai-and-ai-assisted-technologies-in-writing-for-elsevier>
 - <https://www.springer.com/gp/editorial-policies/artificial-intelligence--ai-/25428500>
 - Detection systems
 - <https://gowinston.ai/>
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- Meeting adjourned 3:40pm