



Faculty Senate

Information Technology Committee

Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees (voting members in bold):

- Glenn Martin (Chair)
- Amy Sugar (Vice Chair)
- Chuck Abraham
- Amy Donley
- James Gallo
- Michael Gilbrook
- Denise Kay
- Pieter Kik
- Brett Meltzer
- Matt Nobles
- Yogesh Rawat
- Peter Spyers-Duran
- Geritt Welper
- Pavel Zahorik
- Shengli Zou
- Student (SGA representative)
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- Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres (ex officio)
- Shafaq Chaudhry (ex officio)
- Athena Hoepfner (ex officio)
- Chad Macuszonok (ex officio)
- Francisca Yonekura (ex officio)

- Call to order at 3:02 pm
 - Quorum reached
- Approval of the Minutes for September 24, 2024 Meeting
 - Approved
- Old Business
 - Recap of Research Computing Symposium held on October 1, 2024

- Event went well
 - 50 participants
 - Plan to offer this symposium annually
 - Wireless Certificates
 - UCF managed laptops were prompted to accept certificate
 - Experiences related to this were different due to varying policies across campus
 - IT worked with Cisco to address this
 - Chad will work with IT teams regarding group policies for managed devices
 - This does not cover individual devices
 - Shafaq will ask team to look into individual devices
 - Simple Syllabus
 - Amy and Athena met to review how links to textbooks are added to Simple Syllabus
 - Determined that it is a training issue – how to locate/generate the correct link to add to ensure student access to the UCF Libraries database or other source
 - Reported low color contrast accessibility concern on the Simple Syllabus UCF webpage to the Provost's office
 - Issue is caused by no image uploaded for some colleges. Default is gold box with white text.
 - This issue will be addressed as images are uploaded.
- New Business
 - UCF IT Update
 - Hurricane Milton
 - Things went well
 - IT does crisis management well
 - There was a 24/48/72 hour plan that was implemented
 - A/C stopped working in OTC
 - AI
 - AI updates from IT
 - Provost is hiring an AI person
 - IT is hiring a technical person to support AI
 - IT is in early discussions with FSU and USF to go in together to purchase enterprise protected licenses for multiple AI tools
 - Discussion about no longer seeing the green shield in UCF's instance of CoPilot

- Sheila will look into this
 - Discussion about the use of AI by students
 - Summarizing module content
 - Yellowdig discussion posts
 - Changes needed in assignment design
 - Discussion about using APIs under Google, Azure, AWS
 - Shafaq shared that faculty have the ability to do this
 - Need to submit a request
 - They will try to get the best discounts
 - Bloomberg article on AI detectors shared during the meeting: https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2024-10-18/do-ai-detectors-work-students-face-false-cheating-accusations?utm_source=website&utm_medium=share&utm_campaign=linkedin?sref=VqXvwqxn
 - UCF Teaching and Learning with AI Conference call for proposals is open
 - Discount for UCF faculty
 - Link to conference page: <https://digitallearning.ucf.edu/teachwithai/>
- Other New Business
 - Through the sponsorship of College of Sciences, College of Engineering and Computer Science, Office of Research and College of Graduate Studies, UCF is working on a new subscription for researchers for Overleaf Commons.
 - Overleaf is an online LaTeX and Rich Text collaboration and publishing tools for scientific writing (papers, proposals, assignments, thesis and dissertation).
 - The Office of Research Cyberinfrastructure will administer the tool for the university and also provide education, training and office hours for the tool.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm