Faculty Senate

Information Technology Committee
Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom

- Call to order at 2:03 pm

- Approval of the Minutes for May 16, 2023 Meeting
    - Accepted

- Review Old Business
    - Knightsmail Transition
        - Matt Hall gave a review of the summer's efforts to move students from Knightsmail to UCF.edu
        - Transition was completed successfully
        - Denise Kay mentioned a fall-off they have noticed in College of Medicine on use of ucf.edu email (versus with knightsmail) but could be new semester

- New Business
    - Artificial Intelligence Usage in Research
        - Started a discussion of good and bad uses of AI within research (not teaching)
            - Do all faculty know AI? Should there be training for competency?
            - AI as a disruptor
                - Students (and faculty even) may need different skills in the future
                - Effects on UCF workforce
            - Access to big data and new types of data
        - Uses
            - In writing proposals
                - Even introductions for an advanced topic do not work that well
            - In ideas
                - Does not seem good at producing anything new or original; just re-phrasing stuff already available
                    - "Stochastic Parrot"
        - Concerns
            - Plagiarism

- o Could faculty or departments that submit heavily AI-written work to funding agencies or journals end up getting sued or penalized in some way?
  - Job security for faculty and staff in AI?
  - Data Use
    - o What data can you use to train your AIs? Does that change if you intend to monetize the result?
    - o Can you use AI in authoring your papers (many publishers now prohibit it)?
      - ▪ Point was made that you really need to trust that the paper draft from your student was not AI generated
    - o How do you control what happens to your data and papers and whether it is ingested?
    - o There is a perception that you can take any papers etc that you can access and use it for training the AIs. The Office of General Counsel is examining the issue currently.
  - Many groups across campus looking at the AI issue
    - o This committee
    - o Provost task force
    - o FCTL
    - o General Counsel's Office
    - o There's also another group looking at AI that's made of representatives from CDL, Library, and faculty.
- ▪ Number of various links were posted in chat
  - https://digitallearning.ucf.edu/teachwithai/ (FCTL conference)
  - https://rci.research.ucf.edu/workshops/2023/fall/ (OR workshops include some in AI)
  - https://help.turnitin.com/ai-writing-detection.htm (how TurnItIn detects use of AI)
  - https://www.scribbr.com/ai-detector/ (another AI detector)
  - https://contentauthenticity.org/media-literacy (AI / Media Literacy from UC Berkeley)
  - https://www.futuretools.io/ (Great list of current tools)

- Business Postponed
  - o Topics postponed due to lack of time
    - ▪ Innovative Solutions to Current and Future Campus Problems
    - ▪ Strategic Plan – Discovery and Exploration (Topic 5)
    - ▪ Strategic Plan – Innovation and Sustainability (Topic 7)

- Meeting adjourned 3:00 pm