Faculty Senate

Information Technology Committee
Minutes for meeting of Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order 2:03 pm
Roll Call (Screen Verification via Zoom)
Present: Glenn Martin, Taj Azarian, Viatchelslav Kokoouline, Elizabeth Klonoff, Thad Anderson, Matt Hall, Lee Dotson, Athena Hoeppner, Pieter Kik, Matthew Nobles, Francisca Yonekura, Joseph Harrington, Sumanta Pattanaik, Adam Wells

- Chair Election and Committee Management – *Joe Harrington*

  o Chair: Glenn Martin; Vice-Chair Lee Dotson

  o Agenda Topics and Minutes Management Mechanics

    ▪ Committees are expected to produce an agenda, minutes, and a meeting summary paragraph. Note if time is needed to address Faculty Senate as only significant items will require a report in the Faculty Senate meeting.
    ▪ Send items to Laurie Carroll to post. Minutes will be posted on the Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee webpage after they have been approved.
    ▪ The webpage is at https://facultysenate.ucf.edu/committees/information-technology-committee/

  o IT Committee Use by CIO
    ▪ The CIO and ex-officio members will bring issues to the committee.
    ▪ They may also request assistance from a committee member for additional input or to attend meetings.

- Linux Support – *Matt Hall*

  o Preliminary assessments noted absence of Linux support.
  o Experimenting with providing service for a small cohort of academic services focusing on research or instruction.
  o Requesting feedback on what the group is going to do and how to manage the work.
  o Build in process for scaling up and down on demand.
  o GRIT (Shafaq and Chad) can help with research needs, moderate the resource, provide tasking. Jim Ennis (UCFIT) will take care of the administrative processes for staffing.

- o Discussion about this group also moderating resources and requests to provide service for additional unique computing circumstances.

- IT Strategic Plan – *Matt Hall*

  - o Looking at investments UCF is making in IT and how to optimize the resources with an eye to move UCF into the top 50 research universities.
  - o Currently looking at three questions:
    - How do we fund IT?
    - How do we organize IT?
    - What's in the common good of the institution?
      - Examples: wireless, identity management, some software (Qualtrics)
  - o There are 52 areas to examine. Matt Hall will send document.
  - o Looking for volunteer(s) to provide feedback on the 3 key questions.
  - o Suggestion to make this a standing agenda item to provide time for input with follow up outside the meeting for certain aspects.
  - o Top three items of current focus are academic technology and support, end user support, and web hosting (including content creation and management).
  - o Discussion ensued about special IT needs, strategies for backups, and advertising/training available software and products so faculty/staff know what's available and to maximize use.

- Other Business

  - o Question about what to do when your project or request falls outside what is offered through the Division of Digital Learning. What happens when expertise (UCFIT) and responsibility (DDL) overlap?
  - o Matt Hall and Tom Cavanagh are discussing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm