

Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT)

Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2025

11:00am – 12:15pm

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/84555944313>

Meeting ID: 845 5594 4313

Attending: Krrish Kohli, Greg Gaynor, Teresa Chen, Renaud Berlemont, Danielle Kohlfeldt, Gray Griswold, Debbie Huang, Steve Boyer, Randall McKean, Emily Berquist, Shariq Ahmed, Bryon Jackson, Dave Scozzaro, Matt Karnofel, Marvin Mayo, Alexis Pavenick
Guest: Gabriel Gardner | Secretary: Alexis Pavenick

- 1) Call to order and approval of Agenda M/S/P 02/03/2026
- 2) Approval of Minutes from meeting M/S/P 02/03/2026
- 3) Announcements:
 - a) [AI Panel Discussion](#): AI's True Costs with COB and COE Faculty Experts
 - b) Alexis Pavenick to attend [California AI Convening "Better Together"](#) hosted by UCSD
 - c) Invitation to share latest AI news, local, national, global
- 4) New Business:
 - a) Matt Karnofel: Discuss testing and packaging Thorium Reader to replace ADE for EBSCO eMaterials
 - i) Discussion ensued. Guest Gabriel Gardner from the University Library added clarifying summary of situation that EBSCO is changing their reader software from Adobe to Thorium Reader.
 - (1) Matt's team will begin preparing to install Thorium Reader on all university computers to replace Adobe Digital Editions, with rollout to occur after finals in May.
 - (2) Alexis (or Library team) will create local documentation or video instructions for using Thorium Reader, if EBSCO's documentation is insufficient for campus needs.
 - b) Alexis: Is Adobe Reader or Acrobat able to be put on classroom computers so that faculty do not have to sign-in/out of Adobe Cloud during each class?
 - i) Discussion ensued. Over the next month, consider personal and colleagues' workflows regarding Adobe Acrobat/Reader usage, and report back on needs and issues (especially regarding sign-in/seats and classroom/reference desk use) before the next meeting.

- ii) Matt will investigate and report back on the possibility of obtaining data on how often faculty sign into classroom computers (versus using their own laptops), in coordination with the Azure team

5) Old Business:

- a) Current progress of Working Group (WG) on Data Security
 - i) The group has not had time to meet. Alexis will send out a poll to schedule the next meeting of the data security working group.
 - ii) Steve Boyer cited an error message from MS Defender that seemed concerning with regard to privacy.
 - (1) Bryon Jackson, Matt, IT team will look up the specific Microsoft Defender pop-up experienced by Steve, determine its origin (Jamf/college/central IT), and report back on findings.
- b) Alexis Pavenick & Shariq Ahmed: Comments or reports, if available, about AI updates on campus
 - i) Shariq/Emily/Faculty Center team: Continue developing and announce upcoming AI-focused faculty development sessions for spring.
 - (1) AI guidelines are in their final stages of development
 - (2) Metaverse planning continues
 - ii) Shariq shared information about upcoming Microsoft AI/Copilot training sessions for faculty and staff when details are available.