Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT)

MINUTES
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
11:00-12:15
Academic Senate Conference Room, AS-125

1. Call to Order – 11:00 am

H. Ban, J. Crussemeyer, C. Dolkiewicz, L. Farmer, M. Finney, J. Foster, G. Gardner, K. Grinnan, S. Hathaway, B. Jackson, C. Lee, D. LuPresto,

Excused voting members: X. Wu

2. February minutes are approved.

3. Agenda is approved after typos were fixed and the discussion of software matrix was added to item 6.

4. We have a new student member Dale Lendrum from ASI.

5. Old business

    5.1. J. Crussemeyer and L. Farmer will look into rewording the disabilities statement for syllabi.

6. Proposals from D. LuPresto, ATS
    6.1. The committee asked for clarifications of the marks on the software matrices. Then the software matrices were approved by the committee for ATS to work on during the summer.
    6.2. The committee discussed the microphone checkout policy. The historical and current practices were discussed. The committee discussed the options proposed by ATS. Suggestions such as removing the microphones from regular classrooms to increase circulatable units, affixing trackers on the wireless microphones to prevent loss, increasing the stock slightly to meet the demand, devising a priority list to determine eligibility, and sharing microphones within departments were made by committee members as different ways to handle the issue. ATS will update the proposal and share with the committee.

7. B. Jackson presented the current status of the university High Performance Computing (HPC) environment. The HPC was suggested by faculty and is a partnership between DoIT and faculty Condo owners. Faculty with grants could purchase nodes for HPC and become a condo owner, and other faculty and their students as community members could also use the computing resources for research. The system uses Red Hat Linux, and the HPC support team helps with software maintenance and installation.

8. S. Hathaway announced the Beach 2030 studio series event on Mar 13. The ALLY tool for Beachboard workshop in February had 52 participants, and feedbacks were collected.

9. The committee inquired the preparation for continuing instruction online in the event of campus closure because of COVID-19. DoIT and ATS have been in preparation for online teaching tools for faculty and students. Updates should be sent to campus this Friday. The committee asked accommodations for students who do not have computers to be considered. LBUSD also sought help from the university, and the technology team would be happy to assist.

10. Adjournment – 11:56 am

These minutes have not been approved.

Respectively submitted by
Chung-min Lee