WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  

ACADEMIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL  
Minutes of Tuesday, 19 January 2016  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center  

Members present: Timothy Broadwater, May Chang, Edward Eckel, Sharie Falan, Pavel Ikonomov, Joseph Kayany, Patti Van Walbeck  

Members absent: Christopher Biggs, James Gilchrist, Cade Gillem (Western Student Association), Bryon Glock (for Associate Provost Dawn Gaymer), Sarah Hill, Robert Leneawy, Olivia McLaughlin (Graduate Student Association), Derrick McIver, Alan Rea  

Guests: Suzan Ayers, candidate for Faculty Senate president; Richard Gereshon, vice president, Faculty Senate; Greg Lozeau, Director, Information Technology Security and Privacy, Office of Information Technology; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, OIT; Brad Morgan, Associate Director of Education Technology Services, OIT  

Council Chair Pavel Ikonomov called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.  

Procedural Items  

Chair Ikonomov welcomed all those present and wished them a Happy New Year.  

Acceptance of the Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of 8 December 2015  

A motion was made by Kayany to accept the agenda, supported by Broadwater, and the motion carried.  

There was no quorum to approve the minutes. Ikonomov will ask for approval via email.  

Informational Items  

Information Technology News – Chief Technology Officer Report – Tom Wolf  
Research support within OIT is now covered by Matt Tomczak on a full-time basis starting 1 January 2016.  

The new D2L/Brightspace contract provides for after-hours help desk support. Support is limited to Elearning and password changes. Brightspace replaces Black Belt Help Desk Services. The new service goes into effect 25 January 2016.  

Google Apps for Education – additional applications released: Maps, Voice, Fusion Tables, Bookmarks, Analytics, and Finance  

NextGen Email Project – /nextgenemail site to be redirected to /email. W-Exchange is the new name of the email service; replaces Webmail Plus. Migration calendar not yet released but will be on the /email site once finalized. Approximately 2,000 accounts will be migrated per evening. Email notifications to users being migrated will start three days prior to migration as well as the day before they are migrated. Migrations are tentative to start mid to late February and will last until April.  

Campus Computer Labs Right-Sizing Project – Wolf is working with college representatives and associate deans to come up with a new formula to distribute the funds. This topic will be on the upcoming Provost Council meeting to seek final approval of a new process.  

Lynda.com – Wolf has received inquiries from three faculty members to license Lynda.com for student use. Currently only faculty/staff use is licensed (50 concurrent users). Licensing cost for students would be an additional $100,000. Is this something that more faculty would take advantage of to help facilitate flipping the classroom and give students various software application instruction outside of the classroom? A handout was provided by a faculty member for benefits of student licensing. OIT is investigating individual class cost instead of campus-wide, unlimited licensing. Is there an option to see if the software is only made available in the library to monitor use and determine the exact count necessary? Another suggestion was to see if Lynda will contract for a lower count of licenses instead of unlimited. However, vendors increase the cost for named-user to favor the unlimited license option.  

Presentation on Screen/Lecture Capture – Brad Morgan  
Input was sought to continue using TechSmith Relay with Mediasite (however, it won’t be supported in the future), investigate a new product, or move to the Mediasite product. The Educational Technology Committee approved moving to the MediaSite product. Morgan showed both the current TechSmith interface and the new Mediasite solution. Mediasite does have a few more editing features than TechSmith but TechSmith interface is easier to use. MediaSite provides for a portal interface that the end user has more control of the content that they created. A question was raised whether MediaSite can be embedded into Elearning. The answer was yes, we can do that now.  

Ikonomov suggested that AITC members seek feedback from their faculty to determine which approach to approve. The council will discuss this again in March.  

Discussion/Action Items  

Security Data Research Group  
Chang reported that no further progress has been made. She will contact the group and include Matt Tomczak as the OIT resource.  

Working Group Reports  

Data Security – Greg Lozeau  
Lozeau reported on a FERPA incident where a TA missed submitting final grades so they sent a screen shot of the Elearning final grades page to all students in the course.  

Elearning – No report  

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The last meeting was spent on the MediaSite discussion.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Broadwater made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 a.m.; Van Walbeck seconded and the motion passed.

Greg Lozeau, Acting Recording Secretary