WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL
Minutes of 21 November 2017

Members Present: Timothy Broadwater, Barbara Cockrell (for Julie Garrison), Bryon Glock (for Dawn Mattoon), Nicholas Hanson, Pavel Ikonomov, Derrick McIver, Georgiana Onicescu, Sharon Peterson, Scott Puckett (for Jan Van Der Kley), Muhammad Razi, Geraldine Rinna, Patrick Schick (Western Student Association), Janet Hahn (for C. Dennis Simpson), Stephen Tasko, Pascal Valbrune (Graduate Student Association), Thomas Wolf Jr.
Members Absent: [NOTE: There are vacancies from the College of Arts and Sciences (Humanities and Social Sciences) and the College of Fine Arts]
Guest: Scott Russell, IT Services Director, University Libraries
Staff: Morgan Manchip, Office of Information Technology

Council Chair Timothy Broadwater called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS
Welcome and Introductions
Chair Broadwater welcomed those present and introduced Scott Russell from University Libraries, who will be attending meetings as a guest.

Acceptance of the Agenda
A motion was made by Tasko, seconded by Ikonomov, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made by Tasko, seconded by Ikonomov, to approve the minutes of 17 October. Motion carried.

Announcements/Chair's Remarks
Broadwater reminded members that the Faculty Senate Executive Board has requested that a representative be selected from the AITC to serve on the Committee on University Strategic Planning (CUSP). Volunteers were requested and Ikonomov volunteered for the position.

ACTION ITEMS
There were no action items at this council meeting.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS
Homepages Replacement
- Homepages will be kept available for faculty already using them; but will not remain open for students, alumni, or staff.
- The Homepages directory page will be removed.
- Faculty who continue to use Homepages must adhere to University Relations webpage standards.

Instructional Technology Committee Report
The committee is meeting; the survey is still a work in progress.

Ad Hoc ADA/504 Committee Report
A suggestion was made to create a short document outlining the importance of accessibility and related challenges. Following this, a letter will be drafted and distributed to representatives with questions regarding accessibility.

OTHER
Chief Information Officer Report – Tom Wolf
- MyMediaSite update will deliver the ability to do quizzing within videos.
- There are plans to add Wi-Fi into Elmwood and Goldsworth Valley residential spaces on campus following the building replacements.
- The Office of Information Technology is now responsible for the Adobe site license.
- Open-position salaries were raised within the Office of Information Technology in order to fill positions including DBA and Programmer Analyst.
- System Administrators Doug Alrick and Neil Lewinski will be retiring.
- Scanning Services is moving to a dark data center; current staff members will be reassigned to work with networking and equipment.
- Computers with engineering program software are being added on campus; the Office of Information Technology is interested in implementing software pertinent to other programs into other supported labs.
- The Help Desk will be modified to be more easily accessible.
- Campus is moving away from television cable and toward wireless services.

Transformational Initiative Proposals
Discussion regarding various proposals was held.
- There will be a Virtual Reality Development Team creation with students under supervision of staff.
- The 3D Printing program will be expanded from four computers to twenty.
- The MakerSpace will be expanded in the library.
- Wireless printing will be extended into campus resident spaces.
- One-button lecture capture and Learning Glass will be implemented.
- Infrastructure on premise and for the Cloud for research purposes are being considered.
- Implementation of an E-Sports program on campus is being discussed.

Other
- Ikonomov stated that he has access to Unreal Engine and Unity to assist with the Virtual Reality Development project.
- Discussion was held regarding the need to reallocate hardware for a central proctoring center on campus.
- Discussion was held regarding the switching of the conversion to Voiceover IP and implementation of Sysco's voicemail system.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tasko, seconded by Ikonomov, to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Morgan Manchip
Recording Secretary