

FY16 Information Technology Committee Report

The IT committee met via online to meet each month. Various webinar softwares were used for the committee to experience how well they worked for a meeting. Those utilized included CANVASS, Skype, Blackboard Collaborate, Adobe Connect, Elluminate, Live ZOOM, Google hangouts. Some then tried them when presenting a class.

Committee Members are: Bill Barnes, Julie Cascio, Eric Colonna, Joanne Healy, Falk Huettmann, Rorik Peterson, Ruth Prato, Siri Tuttle, Chris Lott ex officio, Masha Mason ex officio, Fred Schlutt ex officio

Electronic course evaluations

- Concern was expressed about the low return in summer 2015. There has historically been a 62% rate of return on paper evaluations. The results show that disgruntled students were the ones to fill the surveys. It is suggested to devote time in class to promote filling out course evaluations. Students want to believe that the info given will actually make a difference and are currently uncertain that this is the case. The electronic evaluation is accessible by mobile devices. The downside of using a mobile device is that there is limited feedback. Filling it out online more feedback is provided. How evaluation summaries will be provided in the promotion and tenure process is being discussed with faculty and deans.
- Preliminary aggregate of Fall 2015 semester evaluation rough draft showed the response to Explorance Blue was about 42%, compared to 60% from previous written evaluations. This is better than anticipated. However, the instructor is not able to have the evaluation open at different times. Students have a 10-minute window to respond.
- Inspire us! Is the theme to inform about this and is designed to help students understand how important this is. One instructor did not see her student responses right away. There may have not been enough responses or it may have been caught in SPAM. Another shared that she allowed in class time for responses but student responses were minimal and incomplete. Another comment was that some are voluminous responses!

OIT Information .

- Smart classrooms bridge geographic gaps. 75 classrooms, auditoriums and lab buildings. 7T-23. This is a very important Broadband network. Broadband is essential. One phone line is needed.

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Brooksclassrooms were previously paid for by the Office of Admissions and Registrar at ~\$260/ year. Due to cost, these were disconnected. Departments may

use the link in Faculty 180 to contact the company, or submit a support ticket.

Faculty evaluations do not currently go into the Faculty 180 system but when they do, privacy will be an issue.

Deans may pull up the information for evaluation after the faculty member has submitted it.

The contract for Faculty 180 is for five years, currently it is in the third year.

Upis software purchased by statewide for recruitment, evaluation and other factors related to employees of UA. It was chosen to replace AKjobs and staff performance evaluations.

rubric to department meetings. Having an account with QM to get a look at the rubric is interested. Contact Chris Lott for more information.

Rorik Peterson will convene the Information Technology committee next fall and take charge of chair elections.