

FETC Regular Meeting

2016-11-11 3:00-4:00 PM Beatty Center Room 301

Present: Adem Ali, William Bares, Gary Jackson, David Parisi, Alem Teklu, David Desplaces

1. Review of 2015-2016 Annual FETC Report

Alem Teklu – We will discuss review of the 2015-16 FETC annual report and consider how we can gather input on technology from chairs and deans.

David Desplaces – Meeting time allocated to IT minute should be limited. We can have separate venues for extended interactions with IT.

David Parisi – One example issue is that the mobile technology carts in Mayback are not easy to use. We need to ensure that we always do usability testing before rollouts.

David Desplaces – This committee in the past has relied on surveying chairs on technology needs from their departments, but the responses are not always completed. Seven years ago IT had test centers in the Bell Building and had people rotate through to participate in testing.

David Desplaces – This committee should soon have access to survey responses from the chairs since October 15th was the deadline for chairs to respond to IT's technology needs survey. This committee should ask CIO Mark Staples for a copy of the feedback received.

William Bares – Does this committee participate in designing the survey that IT sends to chairs?

David Desplaces – No, this has not been the case recently. This committee can bring this question to new CIO Mark Staples.

Adem Ali – If we design a survey, it should balance faculty teaching needs versus IT's priorities.

Gary Jackson – We could consider different survey formats tailored to best solicit feedback from the different departments.

David Parisi – Comments on issues with Deep Freeze lab management software cleaning out software that had been installed for class use.

David Desplaces – Previously the CIO's focus had been on measurable such as the number of technology-equipped classrooms. This committee should focus on a broader perspective. Reports are available that detail which rooms are in line for updates and this committee should request them.

Alem Teklu – This committee should be proactive in finding ways to gather input on technology.

Gary Jackson – What about wireless video?

David Parisi – Commented that there is value in being able to use an iPad to wirelessly play video to a class, but we must consider the cost of bringing in this technology.

David Desplaces – Suggested possible questions to ask in soliciting input could include what technology do you use and what are your unmet needs?

David Parisi – Commented that it is important for this committee to be able to have input into survey questions.

David Parisi – Suggests that IT could actively check with departments for technology needs.

David also suggested connecting a TLT staff member with IT and that TLT staffer's specific school.

Alem Teklu – What are the open issues with distance education?

David Desplaces – The College may drop D2L and contract for cloud services. Faculty who teach distance education courses would like to control access to their distance education content so that they can know when their materials are being evaluated.

David Parisi – Commented that it is possible to evaluate distance education courses before they go live to the students since they are prepared well in advance of the start of classes.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.