



FACULTY SENATE

Educational & Research Technologies Committee
Minutes
427a Waterman
May 10, 2017

Present: Hung Do, Deb Ellis, Steve Kostell, Cathy Paris, Helen Read, Lyman Ross, Regina Toolin

Absent: Tim Tourville, Mark Starrett, Brian Voight, Christina Wassel

Guests: Mike Austin, Pete Dietrich, Andrew Horvat, Mara Saule, Wendy Berenback

Regina Toolin called the meeting to order at 8:34 am in Waterman 427a.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the April 12, 2017 were approved as written.

2. Unified Communications Project:

The UVM Phone system is almost 25 years old and is outdated technology. Unified communication covers all types of communication that could be used on campus. UVM has created a committee to look into vendors and options going forward. This is an expensive and important decision so it will take time. They will look at

- Phone capabilities
 - transferring to cell
 - video conferencing
 - Multi-line calling.
- Voice mail to e-mail capabilities

The likely implementation date would be summer 2018. The new system would now migrate from the old phone lines, about 25% of campus would require upgrades to make this possible. There is an opportunity to move forward with the parts of campus that could support this, leaving the rest as is until they are able to upgrade.

What is important to faculty in a Unified System?

- Not having to use long distance code.
- 800 number support for conference calls.
- The ability to have 656 number sent to a smart phone.
- Having voice mail pushed to e-mail.
- Video annotation
- Live streaming from the field
- Storage capacity
- Overall quality of these system

Synchronous Platform for Teaching

- To connect people in remote locations (2 way audio / visual)
 - Document Sharing
 - Permissions can be on and off throughout class
 - Audio control
 - Is Polling technologies, i.e. I-Clickers
 - Chat enabled

The ERTC would like to add this to the agenda in the fall semester for an update.

3. 2017 / 2018 ERTC call for nominations. The ERTC nominated Regina Toolin to run for the position of ERTC chair. The Faculty Senate Office will send out a ballot for voting.

4. New Business.

a. Instructional Lab Software. This is a topic that is suggested to be added to the work of the 2017 / 2018 ERTC.

- Up-to-date software
- Consistent computer lab access across the campus
- Access for students who don't have the means to have their own equipment and software
- Economy scale of purchasing. This does happen, Adobe is currently not included in this agreement.

Creating a strategic plan that covers software updates and lab equality. Mara Saule will present the TIF fund at a fall meeting.

b. Laptop /Tablet requirement. This might be a topic for the 2017/ 2018 work flow.

c. Document Cameras. The ERTC will work on a survey to go out to faculty about document camera usage in the 2017 / 2018 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18am. The next meeting of the ERTC will take place in 427a Waterman on September 13th from 8:30 am -10:00 am.