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FACULTY SENATE

Educational & Research Technologies Committee
Minutes
Microsoft Teams
April 12, 2023
9:00 to 10:30 Teams

Present: Thomas Borchert (Faculty Senate), Steve Brown (LCOM), Meghan Cope (CAS), Hung Do
               (GSB), Laura Haines (LIB), Marc Law (CAS), Jarlath O'Neill-Dunne (RSENR), Sara
               Pawlowski (LCOM), Helen Read (CEMS), Regina Toolin (CESS), Tim Tourville (CNHS)

Absent: Steve Kostell (CALS), Vacant (SGA), Vacant (GSS)

Guests: Mike Austin, Wendy Berenback, Keith Burt, Geoff Duke, Danielle Fournier, Dwight Matthews

Chair Helen Read called the meeting to order at 9:00 am via Microsoft Teams.

1. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the February 2023 meeting were approved.

2. **Bright Space Update, Wendy Berenback.** Wendy presented the committee with a project update, pilot
   feedback, faculty and staff outreach and engagement, update on expanding Brightspace functionality and
   upcoming actions. To see the full presentation please e-mail the Faculty Senate Office at
   Facesen@uvm.edu. Some of the questions the committee had included:

   a. Incompletes and grade disputes, how will they be handled? They are currently working on a
      solution for this issue.
   b. Looking for a program that will replace Safe Assign in the new LMS.
   c. Self-paced learning modules will roll out in May. They will also roll out knowledge base articles.
   d. Has CESS had conversations about E-Portfolio? Currently the program they have is more robust
      so more research will have to be explored to see if it will work. Regina will provide Wendy with
      some CESS Faculty who may be able to test this.

3. **Akindi and Gradescope Software, Keith Burt & Danielle Fournier.** The request is that UVM invest
   in an updated system from the current scantron system. Gradescope will be integrated into Bright Space
   and has been approved to be funded centrally in the fall. Akindi and Gradescope work very similar to
   each other.

4. **Exchange Online Migration, Geoff Duke.** Geoff updated the committee on the transition of the e-mail
   services from our on-premises Microsoft Exchange Services to Exchange Online. This will allow for the

usage of a wide variety of Microsoft offerings that are not available under the current platform. For those that are current Outlook users it should be a smooth transition. They are in the process of revising documentation to reflect all the new functionality and transition. They are working on staffing to make sure they have the resources to help those with any issues. Web mail will be much better and works well with Teams. They are working on when the best time is to make the transition, input from the ERTC would be appreciated. LCOM med e-mails have already transitioned to the exchange online platform.

5. **Software for Retired Faculty, Beth Mintz & Dwight Matthews.** Emeriti Faculty continue to contribute to UVM however are not considered members of the community. They do not have access to the same software, making their contribution that much harder. The RFAO is working with Provost Prelock and Jane Okech and not having positive outcomes. Thomas and Helen will work with the RFAO to move this forward. A follow up conversation will be had at a future ERTC meeting.

6. **ISO Approval for Software, Jarlath**

7. **Old or New Business.**

8. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

The next meeting of the ERTC will take place on May 10, 2023, from 9:00 to 10:30am on Teams.