

Educational & Research Technologies Committee

Minutes

427a Waterman

 February 10, 2020

Present: Nick Bouffard (SGA), Thomas Chittenden (Faculty Senate President), Hung Do (BSAD), Deb Ellis (CAS), Lutz Kaelber (CAS), Jane Petrillo (CALS), Helen Read (CEMS), Regina Toolin (CESS), Scott Vanson (GSS)

Absent: Luben Dimov (RSENR), Elise Hotaling (LCOM), Tim Tourville (CNHS), Marie Wood (LCOM), Lyman Ross (LIB)

Guests: Simeon Ananou, Mike Austin, Alex Messinger

Co-Chair Helen Read called the meeting to order at 9:05 am in Waterman 427a.

1. Minutes. The minutes of Novemember 2019 and January 2020 were approved as written.
2. Online Course Evaluation Update. Thomas Chittenden reported that the integrated course evaluation platform came online this Fall, and he provided an update on the data from the first semester use. There was a 62% average participation rate, which may be due to the integrated nature. Response rates were increased within units already using online evals. Some units that had been using paper evals experienced a decrease in participation rates. It is expected that participation rates will continue to increase as the platform becomes more universally utilized. The trust factor is important for students. If they know that the request is from UVM, they are more likely to respond. Next steps: additional units will begin using the platform, in the Spring. Discussion included the timing of when evaluations are open for students, when they close, and when faculty are able to see the results of the evaluations. Thomas described the timing that ensures that the evaluations are completed prior to students viewing their final grades, and that faculty are not able to see the results until after the final grades are posted. It was suggested that it is important for students to know that faculty cannot see the evaluations before grades are submitted. Discussion also included the desire of students to have access to some of the evaluation data.
3. Faculty / Staff Managed Computers Task Force. Ian Davis presented an overview of the Local Admin Taskforce Report. The presented slides are attached below.

















1. Digital Citizenship, Simeon Ananou. To request a complete copy of the presntation please e-mail the Faculty Senate Office at Faculty.Senate@uvm.edu.
2. Old Business.
* Simeon Ananou reported a change in direction for the Educause working group. The survey that was planned will be pushed back to after graduation, and small focus groups will be held instead.
1. New Business. There was no new business at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

The next meeting of the ERTC will take place on April 16th at 9:00am in Waterman 427a.