Academic Technology Committee

Minutes from November 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the October meeting were approved. The two main discussion items were Proctorio and OER.

The Provost has charged the ATC with gathering data regarding Proctorio so the administration can make an informed decision regarding that testing alternative. The committee discussed some of the problems that faculty were having. Two main issues emerged: the students need more training in how to use the system when testing and faculty are spending too much time reviewing the videos. Certain disciplines that require use of calculators or other items seem to be struggling with a different set of problems that can be addressed individually. The committee recommended that we send out a survey to all students and faculty who used Proctorio last semester to gather more data on how users view the new system. Ellie volunteered to come up with some survey questions and send them to Jason who would look them over, add any additional questions, and send the survey out to students and faculty in January. We also decided to have a couple of focus groups so faculty would have an opportunity to meet with a member of the ATC as well as Roz and Jason to go over any concerns. Two sessions will be set up by the TLC to be held the first or second week in January. We will also offer a couple of online sessions for those who could not attend the face to face meeting.

Melissa reported that we have a speaker coming to discuss OER during the January 3 district duty day. There will be a presentation to the entire faculty followed by a breakout session for members of the OER task force and the ATC. The Provost received a list of volunteers willing to serve on the OER task force. We decided to wait until after the January breakout session before convening for another formal meeting of this group.