

Academic Technology Committee Meeting

April 15, 2011 @ 2:00 pm – I 132

Committee Members	Present
Mary Myers	✓
Mark Trask	✓
Dr. Robert Beeson	A
Tatiana Arzivian (Collier, Mathematics)	✓
Connie Allen (Lee, Science)	✓
William Dwyer (Lee, Education, BAS)	✓
Myra Walters (Lee, Communications)	✓
Scott VanSelow (Lee, Computer Information Systems)	✓
Ellie Bunting (Lee, English)	A
Martin Dubetz (Lee, Networking, BAS)	✓
Rona Axelrod (Lee, Mathematics)	A
George Manacheril (Charlotte, Science)	✓
Jaimie Marecz (Lee, College Prep)	✓
Andrae Jones (Charlotte)	A
Robert Anderson (EOL)	✓
Bret Boher (Technology, Collier)	(No longer with the college)
Monique Ward (A.A. & Tech. Lee)	A

Professor Scott VanSelow welcomed the committee. Those attending by remote were invited to log in to Tiny Chat.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve, Mary Myers approved, Professor Myra Walters seconded the motion.

Mission

Scott opened the meeting with a discussion of the goals of the committee. He noted that although a part of our mission is to recommend classroom technology, another, equally important role is help to increase technology proficiency at the college. Several ideas were put forward:

- Create models for learning: Enlist faculty who are proficient in certain technologies, and have them serve as informal mentors for that technology. Faculty would be able to consult with this person regarding the implementation and use of the technology.
- Five Minute Technology videos: Create a site that would host faculty how-to videos. Use the expertise we have at the college to advance technology.

- Wiki – Create a wiki for questions and answers.
- We could put a course up in Canvas that would be this type of repository for faculty.

Discussion of TK20.com

This software was also discussed at the Student Assessment Committee (SAC) meeting, which preceded the ATC meeting. Representatives from Institutional Effectiveness and Student Services will be putting together a cost/benefit analysis. Some of the faculty concerns are: cost, too many interfaces, time to develop the entire structure. There would have to be a full-time person dedicated to supporting TK20. Some of the benefits are: the ability to gather college-wide data from all departments, the possibility of dropping Live Text and SPOL (Outcomes and Planning Software), the reporting capabilities.

The committee has decided to reserve judgment until the cost/benefit analysis is completed.

Canvas pilot

Surveys are being crafted to assess both CE6 and Canvas. There will be a student survey and a faculty survey.

Professor Walters raised the question of whether or not the ATC should meet with administration in the fall and recommend that all faculty members implement an LMS in some manner in every course. Many colleges require this now. Canvas has the ability to be customized, so that there would be a basic course, an intermediate course, and a course with all of the features implemented. Training is going to be much less cumbersome, and so faculty may embrace implementing aspects of Canvas into their courses. Professor VanSelow noted that students gain from LMS implementation – course notes, comments, quizzes, etc., all help a student stay in communication with the professor.

It was suggested that we revisit this in the fall and make a recommendation to the VPAA.

Policies and Procedures

Rona Axelrod will be convening a sub-committee during the first week of May. The purpose is to review the policies and procedures of eLearning. The eLearning committee will be reconvened for fall. It has been very much missed by the staff at Edison Online.

One of the recommendations made was to add weights to Professional Development opportunities. Different types of trainings should receive more credit towards PD. This would require a change to the union contract because it would change the portfolio structure.

Another recommendation was to make a formal recommendation to the VPAA regarding a commitment from the college in reference to technology. We would like to see that a priority for the college for faculty/staff technology education, increased collaboration, and a funding mechanism to achieve this. Mary Myers will draft a request and send it forward for consideration in next year's planning.

Edison Online will be creating a Canvas course for the ATC. We will expand it as we go, but will start with a wiki.

Faculty Open House

There is a request for an “open house” for online courses. Faculty would like to tour other colleagues’ classes and see what is being done. Edison Online will be working to provide this in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00. The next meeting will be in August.