Academic Technology Minutes-February 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the January meeting were approved.

The online course development and online coordinator position materials were presented to the faculty

senate in January. After quite a bit of discussion and questions, the senate moved to table the approval

until the February meeting so everyone would have time to read over the proposals. Frank Dowd

reported that Roz answered all of the questions that the Executive Committee had regarding the

proposals, and he felt confident the full senate would approve the documents.

The issue of using OER materials for online classes was discussed at length. Roz Jester gave a report

from the summit she attended that answered many of the questions regarding the “legal” use of these

materials. More educational opportunities need to be offered for faculty who are interested in

developing courses using OER materials.

Roz reported that the project software is coming along and should be implemented shortly.

Jason Dudley was not present, but Roz stated that Jason has spoken with the administration about a

pilot BYOD program in the fall and there was no opposition. With the fall scheduling underway, we

need to work out these details soon if we hope to start the pilot in fall 2018.

The Academic Technology Plan that was created in 2015 needs to be reviewed and updated. Committee

members were asked to come up with new goals for the update. We can begin looking at this at our

next meeting and hopefully wrap it up by the April meeting.

There was some question on whether or not we need to elect a new chair this year. Ellie will do the

research and get back to the committee.