**Academic Technology Committee**

**November 16, 2021 1:00pm**

**Minutes**

Robyn Mallett called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

Meeting ID: 82363183793

**Attended:** R. Mallett, I. Colon, M. Kelly, R. McNees, M. Rezey, D. Dennis, P. Jones, J. Mansbach, T. Walker, G. Palmer, A. Aukstuolis, J. Gurnak, F. Kaefer, K. Barry, S. Moon, B. Youngberg, M. Wolfe, M. Heller, M. Dougherty, R. Goebel, H. Sevener, D. Vonder Heide, A. Hoyt, E. Edejer, M. Garvin, F, Yun, O. Batchelor, B. McCarthy

**Approval of minutes from October meeting**

Barbara Youngberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting and Tim Walker seconded the motion. Minutes from October meeting were approved.

**Gradescope Update (Tim Walker)**

Robyn, Dan and Tim discussed the implementation of Gradescope with Turnitin (the parent company). Gradescope is an expansion of the existing Turnitin license. We are negotiating to purchase a one year institutional license that will go into effect in the summer of 2022 for one full academic year cycle. Gradescope Complete, which is the extended version of the platform, will be available to our faculty in the spring for use outside of Sakai. Anyone with a LUC account may use the enhanced features described [here](https://blog.gradescope.com/extending-gradescope-complete-access-for-instructors-through-2020-8c5f2d53c541). The Sakai integration will be tested in the spring.

**Sakai 21 upgrade update (Tim Walker)**

The group previously approved Sakai 21 [upgrade](https://www.luc.edu/its/itrs/teachingwithtechnology/sakai/sakai21upgrade/) to occur on December 21, 2021. ITRS extensively researched options for days to conduct the upgrade and this date was determined to have the least impact. We will continue to upgrade annually moving forward. [Information sessions](https://luc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrduCtrTMiHtLTK0XAmT_AnKvYeKzeivi8) for faculty and students will be held and faculty are encouraged to attend if they have questions. Faculty may also explore features of Sakai 21 using the [test site](https://lucdev.longsight.com/).

Committee members are encouraged to email their colleagues regarding pertinent information that they learn from ATC meetings, including items such as the date for the Sakai 21 upgrade.

**Research Technologies Workgroup end-of-term update (Lauree Garvin)**

The Research Technologies Workgroup is a subgroup of ATC. A survey was sent in early spring April 2021 to gather data on faculty use of and desire for research applications that are limited in availability at the university or not at the university. There low response in the spring led a second round of surveying in the fall semester, which targeted faculty purchasing their own applications. There was a 26% response rate. The top 3 applications that faculty were purchasing were STATA, Prism Graph and EndNote. The University has site licenses for some of this software, but there is a lack of knowledge about use options. A final report will be issued soon.

**Subcommittee Updates**

Collaborative Annotation group

This group submitted a proposal to pursue Hypothesis. The group would like a site license or an integration with Sakai. The group voted on the proposal and it was Recommend (yes-20, no -0, abstain-1). Dan and Tim will follow up with next steps.

AR/VR

They have a good start on the report listing assessments of what other like-minded universities are doing. The subcommittee is working on a resource list. With Chicago being a tech hub, we can do what other universities are doing and build a partnership lab to explore how this technology might be used in higher ED. Andrius mentioned that Loyola was one of 3 schools that did not have an AR/VR space.

Digital Whiteboard

Brendan is a senior media production specialist for LUC, he mentioned the proposed software his group likes is Storyboard. He doesn’t think that Zoom Whiteboard, even with the added features, are going to offer the same level of continuity as Storyboard can offer. He reported that Storyboard is free for educators until December 31, 2021.

**Guidelines for Proposals**

Robyn, Tim and Dan will generate firm guidelines for proposals that come to ATC for consideration. Then the groups will use these guidelines so everyone is on the same page with format.

Meeting minutes submitted by Iris Colon