**Academic Technology Committee**

**Sept 21, 2021 1pm**

**Minutes**

Robyn Mallett called the meeting to order at 1pm.

Meeting ID: 87413384962

**Present**: R. Mallett, I. Colon, T. Walker, R. McNees, F. Kaefer, L. Mertz, M. Rezey, M. Dougherty, R. Goebel, B. Erdman, M. Wolfe, A. Aukstuolis, M. Heller, D. Vonder Heide, P. Jones, G. Palmer, E. Forestieri, B. Youngberg, K. Barry, R. Johnson, S. Zurek, J. Mansbach, J. Gurnak, S. Moon, M. Kelly, D. Dennis (Guests) F. Yun, and J. Devery

**Introductions**

Members introduced themselves and the department they represented.

**Expectations/charge**

The Academic Technology Sub-Committee is charged with advising on technology directions, strategies, policies, plans, and priorities important to Loyola’s goals in teaching, learning, research, and other academic objectives. Robyn reminded members that the group is an advisory committee. We present ideas to the IT Steering Committee.

**Sakai 21 update – Tim Walker and Guest Florence Yun**

Tim shared that we need to select a date for the Sakai 21 upgrade. Florence Yun is the Project Manager. They proposed the upgrade be scheduled for Tues. Dec 21, 2021. The system will be down for 4 hours in the early morning. This has worked well in the past and there have been no issues. There will be an information session for faculty to become familiar with the upgrades. There was some concern expressed regarding outages during the upgrade, however Florence and Tim are confident all will go well. The overall recommendation to schedule the upgrade for 12/21/21 was yes. The vote was 19 yes, 1 no.

Tim shared 2 sites to visit if people would like more information.

<https://www.apereo.org/projects/sakai-lms/sakai-210-released>

<https://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/DOC/Sakai+21+Release+Notes>

**Gradescope- Guest Jim Devery**

Jim Devery gave an overview of Gradescope. He believes that all faculty will benefit from grading software and would like the University to acquire a license. It is student friendly. It works for short answers, multiple choice and essay questions. It completely preserves original submissions. It gives students a chance to review and students can request a regrade. He explained the process for faculty to upload exams (scan tests with copier, email in PDF, load a template how you want it). There is no balancing of papers and gradebooks. Gradescope has optimal character recognition for short answers or multiple choice. You can also build a rubric any way you want. Gradescope will track all statistics for you. This program can be integrated with Sakai with the license purchase. This will be in addition to the Turnitin program.

The committee voted to present for consideration to the IT Steering Committee.

The votes were 21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

**Subcommittees met in breakout rooms**

The three subcommittees (collaborative annotation, digital whiteboard, AR/VR) discussed meeting frequency with the goal of finding a date to meet before the next ATC meeting on 10/20/21. Robyn asked the groups to come up with high-level updates of where they want the groups to go for the rest of the academic year. Robyn asked for the subcommittee leaders to give the updates at each ATC meeting this fall. Tim asked groups to come up with 2-4 ideas of technology related to their topic to share back with the full group. Perhaps they will schedule a demo with the technology selected.

**Timeline for fall meetings**

We have 2 meetings left in the fall semester 10/20/21 and 11/16/21. At those meetings we will have a brief 5 minute working subcommittee check in. Please send additional requests for new business to Robyn.

Meeting minutes submitted by Iris Colon

Next meeting 10/20/21 at 1pm