Information Technology and Media Services Committee Report

May 2022   Duo (Helen) Wei

Members:

Helen Wei	Chair (2020–2022)
Joe Trout	Vice Chair (2021–2022)
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Lisa Youngblood	GENS (2021–2023)
Kimberly Furphy	HLTH (2021–2023) and Union representative
David Lechner	Library (2021–2023)
Melanie Schroer	NAMS (2021–2023)
Nusret Sahin	SOBL (2021–2023)

Ex Officio Members:

Christy Goodnight	Interim Director of Library Services
Scott Huston	Chief Information Officer
Kathleen Klein	Director of Center for Teaching & Learning Design
Peter Gallagher	Associate Director of Information Technology Services

2021-2022 Monthly Meeting

The Faculty Senate Information Technology and Medial Services (ITMS) committee met regularly during the AY 2021-2022. We have held six meetings in the following days: (every second Thursday of each month 2:00pm – 3:00pm)

> September 16th , 2021
> October 21st, 2021
> November 18th , 2021
> January 20th , 2022
> April 21st , 2022
> April 25th , 2022 (Additional meeting: discussing LMS Report)
> May 16th , 2022 Faculty Senate Retreat

2021-2022 Committee Activities (selected major topics):

1. **CTLD and ITS shared updates on Blackboard Ally and discussed Blackboard Ultra use in the Fall semester.**
   o An updated version of Blackboard, which was called Blackboard Ultra-navigation, with a lot of additional benefits went live in summer 2021 and has been available for faculty to use since then.

- o The major change would be that of moving from a Blackboard hosted platform to a SAS platform, which had a lot of backend benefits to it. Also, it was more cost effective.
- o This would also allow enabling blackboard ally, which made the uploaded content as accessible as possible, being compliant to the ADA.
- o The new system ensured automatic enrollment to the corresponding blackboard course, as soon as students register for it. Also, a student would automatically be removed from blackboard once they dropped a class.
- o At the beginning of the fall semester all courses are in "instructor choice" mode. If an instructor wants to use Ultra they can follow these steps to set their course to ultra (https://stockton.edu/blackboard-tutorial/instructor-tutorials-ultra/ultra-switch.html). If they wish to use original/classic, they don't have to make any changes and can continue to use the system as they normally would.
- o Currently, we only had about 40 courses that were running in ultra view.

2. **LMS project exploration (Please see attachment for detailed survey report)**
   - o ITMS committee invited **Dr. Emari DiGiorgioa** and **Dr. Heather McGovern** to give demonstration of the Canvas use in instructional settings.
   - o ITMS committee invited **Dr. Kahanov** to discuss about coordinating the LMS with ADA compliance requirements and enhancing pedagogy and inclusion of quality matters criteria/monitoring.
   - o ITMS committee in collaboration with CTLD and ITS hold the Blackboard and Canvas Product Demonstration session on Oct 22nd, 2021
   - o ITMS committee distributed the faculty survey on alternative LMS exploration from Oct 23rd, 2021 to Nov 30th , 2021
   - o ITMS committee invited **Dr. Christine Tartaro** to present the association analysis results
   - o ITMS committee members **Dr. Melanie Schroer** and **Dr. Lisa Youngblood** conducted qualitative analysis for the survey and they presented the results

3. **(Ongoing project) The committee will review and provide recommendation on the need for qualitative software**
   - o Faculty fellow from CTLD Dr. Rachel Kirzner conducted a survey (Here is the link to Rachel's survey: https://stockton.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6FOKh1dmXuUy9LM)
   - o The survey include all faculty (tenured, tenure track, adjunct, visiting) and instructional staff
   - o The purpose of this survey is to better understand software, apps, and tech tools used by faculty for teaching, service, and scholarship.

4. **The committee discussed miscellaneous topics such as**
   - o Discussed about issues with student email being filtered as junk mail
   - o Exemption to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and NJVid by Christy Goodnight
   - o Institutional membership i.e. Amazon AWS Academy membership and other memberships

Acknowledgment

I would like to express my appreciation for all members in the ITMS committee. Thank you so much for your time, efforts, and support during the past year. I also would like to thank all faculty members who participated in our survey and shared their experiences with using learning management systems. My special thanks go to Kathy from CTLD, Scott / Pete from ITS, and Christy from Library who gave the committee profound insights and provide a lot of support to our committee. Last but not least, I would like to thank Faculty Senate Exec, the Provost, and all executives for the guidance and support.