

Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT)

Meeting Notes

November 16, 2018

Present:	Sean Hurley, CAFES Patricia McQuaid, OCOB Andres for Gregory Scott	Peter Schlosser, CLA, Academic Senate Scott Hazelwood, CENG Alison Robinson, AVP for ITS Kathryn Hammer, ITS
Absent:	Jesse Vestermark, Library Jeff Nadel, CENG Gregory Scott, CSM Jennifer Klay, CSM	Colleen Twomey, CLA Patrick O'Sullivan, CTLT Cesar Torres Bustamante, CAED
Next meeting:	December 7, 2018 at Building 02-24, 9 – 10am	

1. Determine Goals for 2018/2019 Academic Year

Sean Hurley started the conversation by inviting the group to brainstorm a list of topics that are important for this group.

- **TurnItIn.** Faculty would like clarity about the status of TurnItIn. General questions include what is the cost? Who to ask in Admin about TurnItIn? Members asked about the implementation requirements. IT Services (ITS) can help lead this initiative by helping with the business plan and follow up with procurement.
- **Lynda.com.** OCOB is interested in understanding how to provide this for all Cal Poly students and the cost.
- **Understand ITS Software Usage.** Let's look at broadening the Lynda.com goal and understand what software ITS licenses and maintains. Faculty are interested in understanding how much software, which packages, costs, who uses the software. ITS can provide information about which licenses are procured. Also, a consulting firm may be coming to evaluate this as well. OCOB would also like to look into mind mapping software.
- **Examine tilde websites and sunseting software.** Develop a strategy for sunseting technology and software. Find out if there is a policy and is this done at the college level? ITS needs help from Faculty with the tilde websites. The new website project with University Marketing will help retire many of the tilde websites and bring them into the new University standard site.
- **Replace Learning Management Systems (LMS) due to AWS transition.** With the move to the cloud, now is a good time to research other LMS options. Some services integrate well with others, such as Canvas. Canvas on the cloud may provide cost savings vs. running an on-prem LMS. Moodle, the current LMS, is on-prem and requires servers, coding, and staff to use and maintain. Moving to the cloud is as much work as a new implementation because services need new architecture and to be re-platformed. The level of effort won't impact faculty. Alison

Robinson shared her positive experience implementing Canvas on the cloud at another university. If there's interest among faculty, ITS can help arrange a demo.

- **Classroom Technology adoption.** ITS will present a life cycle replacement plan to Facilities. The plan will include three levels based on space and function of a classroom. Alison will share the response from Facilities with FACT.
- **Funding CCR.** Faculty would like annual funding for replacements. This effort also needs people in the colleges who are familiar with their faculty needs.
- **Interfolio update/feedback.** Alison will follow-up with Al Liddicoat about gathering feedback from Faculty.
- **AWS Update.** Faculty are interested in an update about the move to the cloud. Alison shared that ITS worked on architecting cloud storage for the entire campus (this was the AWS Operationalization (AWSO) project. ITS is now making progress on the next phases: AWS Advance (AWSA) and AWS Migrate (AWSM)). AWSA efforts will take the team through February 2019. AWSM is looking at what areas can move. The team is looking at types of storage, and working with AWS Techs for storage. The team is also looking at ways to mitigate risk.
- **Digital Transformation Hub Update.** Invite Paul Jurasin to a future meeting to talk about the Digital Transformation Hub (DxHub). Faculty are curious about how they can interact with the DxHub or support the program.
- **Research Computing.**

2. Prioritize Goals for 2018/2019 Academic Year

Members prioritized the list:

1. **LMS replacement.** The decision timeline for LMS is fast approaching (not specified). Cal Poly is moving to AWS. Moodle has to move to AWS. Now is a good time to explore other options and discuss the possibilities.
2. **Funding CCR.** Budget talks start around March. FACT would need to be prepared by end of January or early February.
3. **TurnItIn.** With the new IT governance, FACT could take this topic to the new ITMC. Alison will check-in with John Sage about a pending contract. Craig Schultz may have information, too.
4. **Lynda.com.**
5. **Understanding ITS Software Usage.** ITS can bring the data to the next meeting.
6. **Interfolio.** FACT members can get feedback from people within their departments and bring it back to FACT.

3. Next Meeting: December 7, 2018

Requested meeting topics include:

- Update about the Digital Transformation Hub
- Update about AWS and Moving to the Cloud
- Discussion about replacing the LMS