

ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES Monday, 5 Feb 2024 Online

Zoom meeting link:

<https://wwu-edu.zoom.us/j/98499832469>

- 4:01 CALL TO ORDER: ATC Chair Derek Moscato called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm, welcoming a total of 13 attendees (roster attached).
- 4:05 Jennifer Keller, Chair of the Western Coalition for Integrity, provided an overview of Academic Integrity and AI issues at WWU. For more information on the Western Coalition for Integrity, visit: <https://wp.wvu.edu/academichonesty/about-the-western-coalition-for-integrity>. It should be noted that the university has posted a document pertaining to the AI/integrity issue here: <https://atus.wvu.edu/kb/ai-detection-western>
- 4:20 Andy Bunn, Professor, College of the Environment, was introduced as a new member of ATC. Welcome Andy! ATC thanks outgoing faculty member and College of the Environment representative Michael Medler for his years of committed service to ATC's mission.
- 4:25 Approval of Minutes. ATC members approved meeting minutes for December 4, 2023.
- 4:30 Prompted by a request from a faculty member in January to Faculty Senate (which was passed on to ATC), John Farquhar provided a reminder of the **Canvas change from 2019** that addresses student observers/student additions in lieu of regulation. Note that this change (dealing with adding students to Canvas) was discussed in detail at the ATC meeting of March 2, 2020. Here is the specific information from the March 2, 2020 minutes:

Inability to add students to Canvas

Shelli Soto, Associate VP of Enrollment Management who is also serving as Interim Registrar of Record, met with the committee and shared that the ability for faculty to add students to Canvas was turned off as the result of an audit last summer. This feature was problematic for a number of reasons. In order for a student to receive credit for the course, they must be officially registered, but some students misunderstood their access to Canvas as confirmation that they were in the class. This caused later problems that often had financial implications for the student with late adds and tuition changes late into the term or worse—after the term when checking grades and finding that they were not enrolled. On the other hand, now that it is turned off faculty are looking for ways to add students and FERPA violations have occurred, as it is not easy to quickly see what access each user role might have. ATC members indicated that incompletes are a problem. Shelli indicated that she knew that she had seen an instance in which Canvas Support added an incomplete from a prior term into the current term's Canvas course,

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but this was not something on which she claimed to have much insight. She said she would look into it. The Registrar's Office was working with ATUS and Canvas to explore options for allowing students into a Canvas class.

John Farquhar provided additional clarification for faculty members. To the question: "Can faculty add Teaching Assistants to their Canvas courses?" The answer is: "Yes, Canvas instructors can add Teaching Assistants to their Canvas courses. This role gives individuals most of the content publishing and grading functions available within Canvas. A separate role of LimitedTA can also be assigned to individuals by working with the Canvas Help team. The LimitedTA role lacks certain grading capabilities and is preferred by some faculty."

- 4:45 ATC Chair Derek Moscato discussed the need for one more 2024 Student Technology Fee committee member for the spring quarter. It was noted that the STF participant representing ATC must be a voting member.
- 4:50 AI on campus. ATC member George Zhao recapped the AI discussion from the January Faculty Senate meeting. These discussions at the Faculty Senate level align with ongoing discussions within ATC about the need for continued vigilance, monitoring, and technology support and training for the academic community at WWU.
- 5:00 ATC Bylaws. ATC Chair raised the opportunity for potential changes to the existing bylaws. While it was noted that the bylaws highlighted a couple of positions on ATC that were currently unfilled, the committee saw no need to make changes or additions to the existing bylaws document.
- 5:10 With no further business and no items from the floor, the meeting adjourned at 5:10.

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VOTING ATTENDEES				NON-VOTING ATTENDEES		
Faculty				Advisory		
1	George Zhao, <i>Elementary Educ</i>	Woodring	X	13	Chuck Lanham, <i>Vice Prov for IT & CIO</i>	
2	Jiexun Li, <i>Decision Sciences</i>	CBE	X	14	John Farquhar, <i>Director of ATUS</i>	X
3	Dipu Gupta, <i>Theater</i>	CFPA	X	15	Colin Hanson, <i>IT Professional</i>	X
4	Paul Chen, <i>Political Science</i>	CHSS (1)		16	<i>Shared Gov Ops Mgr</i>	
5	Andy Bunn, <i>Environ Studies</i>	Huxley	X	Recorder		
6	Derek Moscato, <i>Journalism</i>	CHSS (2)	X	17		
7	Sid Devarenne, <i>Libraries</i>	Libraries	X	Guests		
8				18	Jennifer Keller, <i>Western Coalition for Academic Integrity and WWU Assoc.</i>	X
9	Robert Berger, <i>Chemistry</i>	CSE (1)	X	19		
10	Matthew Zinkgraf, <i>Biology</i>	CSE (2)	X	20		
11	Senator	TBD		21		
Staff						
12	Lauren Nicandri, <i>Outreach and Cont. Ed Representative</i>		X			
Students						
13	John Hardgrove, <i>AS Senator CSE</i>		X			
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	Voting members in attendance		10		TOTAL ATTENDEES	13