



ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Monday, 7 October 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 15 attendees (roster attached).

ATC introductions: The committee welcomed its newest members Darren McCroom (Theater – interim for Dipu Gupta who is on professional leave this fall), Wala Saadeh (Engineering and Design), and Michael Wilder (Teaching, Learning, and Technology).

4:10

Proposal to ATC: Be Well resources program on Canvas. Justina Brown and AJ Barse (ATUS CIAA) introduced a proposal for a Be Well initiative that would connect Canvas users to wellness resources on campus. ATC feedback includes pros and cons of using WWU’s website vs Canvas; the efficiency of existing Canvas menu items; and the scope and scale of such a project. Might this be a trial run or beta-tested before permanent implementation? ATC membership supported the spirit of the program but had questions about implementation and logistics. Justina indicated that a survey would be sent to ATC voting members to garner more nuanced feedback about the support for, and feasibility of, such a program.

4:25

Canvas grading options/issues for faculty. Justina Brown and John Farquhar discussed the grading scheme for Canvas’s gradebooks in order to address a question brought forth by ATC and a constituent from Faculty Senate. In short, faculty *can* move between percentage or letter grade view in Canvas. These options appear in the settings for the individual course. More details about grading schemes can be found at: <https://atus.wwu.edu/gradingscheme>

4:30

John Farquhar led a discussion on Mac licensing and IT management via Jamf, as there was a concern raised by a Faculty Senate constituent that departments using Mac products would be paying more for central IT management features. Jamf, for the uninitiated, “allows (the university) to manage WWU-owned Apple devices proactively by maintaining systems and software, limiting exposure and responding to security threats, distributing settings, identifying potential and actual hardware problems, and analyzing inventory data.” Starting in fiscal year

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2024, ATUS no longer asked departments to pay for additional licenses of Jamf when extending a Jamf license to new devices. ATUS will continue to charge departments for Jamf at the levels they were paying in fiscal year 2023. More information about Jamf here: [Automated Apple Management with Jamf Pro | ATUS | Western Washington University](#)

4:40

Activity update from ATC AI Subcommittee. George Zhao presented on summer activity from the ATC AI subcommittee, which also includes Lauren, Sid, and Jiexun. The committee has collected data from 5 different institutions: UW, WSU, Eastern, Central, Evergreen. It is also consulting with Northwest Academic Computing Consortium and is also gaining inputs from North Sound Educational Technology Group, Orbis Cascade Alliance, and the Inclusive Teaching Summit.

Some useful links to inform this discussion:

NWACC: <https://nwacc.org/>

NWACC Members: <https://nwacc.org/members/>

Inst. Tech: <https://nwacc.org/programs/instructional-technology/>

Inst. Tech Roundtable: <https://www.nwacco.org/>

ATC commends the hard work of the AI subcommittee over the summer months and looks forward to picking up this discussion with more updates at ATC's next meeting.

5:00

ATC admin/scheduling: Changing meeting times for next year. ATC members discussed the viability of changing from Mondays to another day, as this would allow for greater interaction and engagement with Faculty Senate meetings and with Faculty Senate members and/or attendees. While most other days were challenging, Tuesday was seen as a possibility, as long as it doesn't conflict with Faculty Senate's Library committee, as John Farquhar is a member of that committee also. The committee intends to revisit this as a possibility at the next meeting.

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	14	Chuck Lanham, <i>Vice Prov for IT & CIO</i>		
2	Jiexun Li, <i>Decision Sciences</i>	CBE	X	15	John Farquhar, <i>Director of ATUS</i>		X
3	Darren McCroom, <i>Theater</i>	CFPA	X	16	Colin Hanson, <i>IT Professional</i>		X
4	Andy Bunn, <i>Environ Studies</i>	Huxley	X	17	Michael Wilder, <i>Teaching, Learning, & Technology</i>		X
5	Paul Chen, <i>Political Science</i>	CHSS (1)	X	18	Andrea Rodger, <i>Business & Financial Affairs</i>		
6	Derek Moscato, <i>Journalism</i>	CHSS (2)	X	19	Becky Johnson, <i>Faculty Senate Specialist</i>		
7	Sid Devarenne, <i>Libraries</i>	Libraries	X	Recorder			
8	Robert Berger, <i>Chemistry</i>	CSE (1)	X	20			
9	Wala Saadeh, <i>Engineering & Design</i>	CSE (2)	X	Guests			
10	Senator	TBD		21	Justina Brown, <i>Center for Instructional Innovation and Assessment</i>		X
Staff				22	AJ Barse, <i>ATUS Instructional Design</i>		X
11	Lauren Nicandri, <i>Outreach and Cont. Ed Representative</i>		X				
Students						Voting attendees	10
12	AS Senator CSE (TBD)					Non-Voting attendees	5
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Voting members in attendance			10	TOTAL ATTENDEES			15

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