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Official Minutes
Senate Academic Technology Committee Meeting
05/07/2026

Call To Order and Approval of Minutes

Call to Order: ATC Chair George Zhao called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The April 2, 2026 ATC minutes were approved electronically on April 6, 2026.

Reports and Announcements

George Zhao, ATC Chair:

- The Chair reported that Paul Chen will serve as note-taker for the meeting and asked for a backup. Derek Moscato volunteered.

Action Items

- **AY 2026-2027 Committee Leadership:** The Chair reported that he will be on leave during Fall 2026 and that Vice Chair Paul Chen has agreed to serve as interim chair during his absence. A motion made by Derek Moscato (and seconded by Rob Berger) to approve George Zhao as AY 2026-27 ATC Chair and Paul Chen at AY 2026-27 Vice Chair and Interim Chair for Fall 2026 was approved by consent.

- **AY 2026-2027 Committee Schedule:** The Chair reported that the schedule will change from Thursdays to the first Wednesday of the month for AY 2026-27 to avoid Senate staff scheduling conflicts. A motion by Derek Moscato (and seconded by Rob Berger) to approve the AY 2026-27 meeting schedule was approved by consent.

  Wala Saadah (CSE) reported that she would not be able to attend during the proposed time. ATC encourages its members to speak to department chairs or supervisors about scheduling for the adjusted meeting times.

Discussion Items

- **Web Accessibility Update:** Chair Zhao provided an update on Canvas course accessibility and WCAG 2.1 implementation. On April 20, the DOJ extended the compliance deadline for one year. ATUS is still working on more complex ADA issues. Michael Wilder, ATUS Assistant Director, noted that the Pope Tech Accessibility Dashboard showed a decline in the number of accessibility issues, but there is a need to continue to work on increasing accessibility. Derek Moscato (CHSS-HUM) noted that he found the Pope Tech Training helpful.

- **STC 3D Printers:** Curt Pavia, Learning Technologist, provided a presentation on the Student Technology Center's 3D printers that were funded through a STF Tech Initiatives Grant. The new printers are faster, higher-resolution, and have had no downtime for repairs. It was reported that the printers are constantly used by students and that filaments are being sold at a greater rate. Use is currently first-come, first-serve.

- **Google Gemini and NotebookLM Activation for All Users:** Michael Wilder, Assistant Director, ATUS, reported that ALL faculty and staff have access to a data-protected version of these two products and is currently available for educational use. Google Gemini, a powerful generative AI chatbot similar to Co-Pilot, can integrate with Google Scholar and create video. NotebookLM is a secure AI tool that can create a variety of educational products such as flash cards, slide presentations, and podcasts.

  Google does not share or train on information entered and searches are not retained. Committee members were reminded not to upload personal information, student information, or confidential information.

  The link for the Google Workspace for WWU faculty/staff is here: https://atus.wwu.edu/kb/sign-your-wwu-google-workspace-account

- **Zoom AI Companion Auto-Imposition and Disabling:** The Chair reported that Zoom had turned on AI companion without giving users the ability to turn it on or off. It was noted that Zoom was able to access Teams data. ATUS had since disabled the Zoom AI Companion and disabled the encroachment on Teams.

- **Research on Student Perspectives on AI**: Max Barahona, Instructor, CBE-Department of Finance and Marketing, gave a presentation on his research on American vs. European student perspectives on AI, as well as his forthcoming study with WWU students. He reported that a much lower percentage of WWU students use AI daily compared to their European counterparts. He noted "shadow AI use," where students

say they do not use AI when asked because they have been told that AI is bad. Outside of the US, students are more eager to use AI because it provides information access. He noted that the EU seems to have clearer rules/regulations for AI, which seems to foster more growth/experimentation, whereas in the US people are more apprehensive/tentative in using AI due to a lack of clarity.

Faculty can share the survey, which is titled "AI Literacy Survey: Student Use and Perceptions of Generative AI at WWU," with their students. The WWU HRPP has determined this study (Protocol 14883EX26) to be exempt from further review in accordance with federal regulatory criteria. Participation is completely voluntary, is not linked to grades or course standing, and the survey does not collect names, student IDs, emails, or other direct identifiers. Below are the survey materials that can be shared with classes. Ideally, the survey will remain available through Friday, May 15, after which responses will closed.

- **Writing, Research and AI Fellows:** Shannon Kelly, Head of Writing Instruction Support/Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning, and Neah Ingram-Monteiro, Teaching and Learning and Community Engagement Librarian, gave a presentation on the Libraries' Writing, Research and AI fellows program. The goal of the program was to think through practices around AI use. The focus was not to introduce AI tools to the fellow, but to explore how to teach writing. The final deliverables will be shared on CEDAR.

Items from the Floor

There were no items from the floor.

Adjournment

Committee members adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATC Attendance
05/07/2026

Voting Members			Non-Voting Members		
Derek Moscato	CHSS-HUM	x	Chuck Lanham	VP for IT/CIO	x
Paul Chen	CHSS-SBS	x	Michael Wilder	Asst Dir, Teaching, Learning, & Tech	x
Darren McCroom	CFPA	--	Colin Hanson	IT Professional	x
Jiexun Li	CBE	x	Vacant	Student Affairs Purchasing Professional	NA
Claudia Johnson	Fairhaven	--	Andrea Rodger	BFA Purchasing Professional	--
Andy Bunn	CENV	--	Moose Abou-Harb	ASWWU Senate	x
George Zhao (Chair)	WCE	x	**Recorder**		
Sid Devarenne	Libraries	x	Paul Chen	Vice Chair	x
Wala Saadah	CSE	x			
Rob Berger	CSE	x	**Guests**		
Vacant	Faculty Senate	NA	Curt Pavia	STC	x
Heather Curfman	ASWWU Senate	--	Shannon Kelly	Libraries	x
Lauren Nicandri	OCE	--	Neah Ingram-Monterio	Libraries	x
			Max Barahona	CBE	x
			Shannon Kelly	Libraries	x
			Neah Ingram-Monterio	Libraries	x

Voting Attendees	7
Non-Voting Attendees	11
Total Attendees	18