

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE
Academic Computing, Distance Learning and Instructional Technology

Minutes

March 17, 2006; 2:00-4:00 PM

RH 303

Present: Bogdan Hoanca (co-chair), Kate Gordon, Kathi Baldwin, Rich Whitney & Carl Shepro (United Academics) (guest speakers), John Riley (United Academics Representative for CHSW, Justice faculty person) and Carol Sue Coose (substitute recorder).

- I. Call to order at 14:08 by Bogdan
- II. Committee memberships and reports – 15 min
 - a. UTC- deferred
 - b. eLearning- deferred
 - c. ASCDE- Kate Gordon reported committee met in Feb. and has developed a report for the new provost. Will wait to see what new provost desires of this committee. New provost due on campus about July 1, 2006. Kate will be going to a Dist. Ed. Meeting in Juneau in April.
 - d. Classroom Technology- deferred
 - e. Web board- deferred
 - f. DESB
 - g. ADEC- Kathi Baldwin gave a brief report of recent meeting. Committee has developed a budget for next year.
- III. Guest speakers
 - a. Carl Shepro discussed the United Academics concerns on the online faculty evaluation instrument – he stated that the Union must be involved in any decision regarding changes in the evaluation of faculty.
 - b. Rich Whitney discussed the situation of the current (paper based) faculty evaluation and plans for New Technology Innovation Grants – According to Rich the current faculty evaluation system is outdated, not repairable and not functioning adequately. It needs to be replaced. He presented some of the cost information in regard to a change to the IDEA System that has been proposed by the Faculty Senate. There was much discussion of the problems and issues related to the use of IDEA whether by paper methods or online evaluation through Bb courses. It was suggested that we might need to hold a faculty referendum on any new evaluation process adopted by the university.

Rich also explained the former initiative called, “Technology Innovation Grants” (TIG) and why the grants were no longer being offered. This was a 4th initiative being supported by student technology fees (the other three being: Campus wide services-library, etc.; Computer labs; Block grants to colleges based on credit hour production). Rich says TIG could be reinstated if found necessary and manageable. Discussed that e-learning work group might be able to assist with oversight of the grants if it were to be reinstated. The focus would be on ‘teaching technology’ with a clear tie to student benefit.

- IV. Old business
 - a. ACDLIT faculty survey -- not discussed
 - b. Personal goals for the year – Still need to work on completion of the A to Z information.
 - c. Developments regarding the Instructional Developer job family – Deferred to April.
- V. New business
 - a. ACDLIT and CAFÉ to offer faculty training on copyright issues – This is being planned for early in the Fall 2006 semester. Kate Gordon is our library “expert” on these issues and will be involved in the development of this training. Jerry Voltura is planning on adding information on the “TEACH” Act to Bb website.
- VI. Adjourned at 4:10pm

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Respectfully submitted: Carol Sue Coose, SON, March 28, 2006