

IUPUI Faculty Council Technology Committee and Distance Education Committee

Minutes of joint meeting held on November 11, 2014

Attending members of the Technology Committee: Sara Hook (also member of Distance Education Committee), Cathy Fulton, Benjamin Keele, Kate Thedwall, LaQuia Vinson, Elizabeth Whipple, Andrew Gavin, Bob Vernon, Fred Rees, Josette Jones

Attending members of the Distance Education Committee: Barb Friesth, Rachel Applegate, John Gosney, Nolan Taylor, Catherine Lemmer, Ken Rennels, Kris Dreifuerst, Gina Londino

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves, the agenda was approved, and Ben Keele agreed to take notes for the meeting.

Unizin

Stacy Morrone from UITs presented on Unizin. She noted that vendors could control the digital instruction ecosystem. Instead, Unizin is a consortium of universities that will enable institutions of higher education to own and control the infrastructure and content. Unizin is a member-owned service based on three principles: digital content, platform, and analytics enable members' core education; missions, members want control over data, students, and content; and directing loosely coupled services help protect those interests.

Canvas has been selected Unizin's first learning management system, and progress is being made to add pilot content sources and analytical tools.

IU Online

Barbara Bichelmeyer from the Office of Online Education reviewed the Office's history and function in the IU system. Students taking online courses often enroll at multiple campuses, and the Office has established a unified face for recruiting students.

A task force led by Ann Masey is considering proposals from two vendors for a product to handle faculty annual reports. The vendors are Digital Measures and Elseiver Peer.

Attendees discussed issues with campus-based faculty governance, especially regarding system-wide decisions.

The Technology Committee will follow up on the faculty annual report vendors.

Work of the Two Committees

The Technology committee will follow up on proctoring and the testing center. The Distance Education committee will follow up on the online proctoring solution, called Monitor. There was a general discussion of dissatisfaction with IUPUI's ability to impact technology decisions earlier in the decision making process. It was acknowledged that the process seems more complex as decisions are being made for the University system-wide, and our faculty governance groups do not seem poised to interface with UITS and decision making groups in our current structure given the cross-campus nature of decisions that are being made.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.