

Information Systems Instructional Technology (ISIT) Report: September 30, 2015

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- The last ISIT committee meeting was held on September 14, 2015.
- Todd reported that the new pay-for-print system is now up and running; however, there have been some problems. Students no longer buy a card and load it with money. They now place money on an online account, which allows them to use their financial aid funds. The process for retrieving printed copies is slow and causing a bottleneck. Todd is working with the software developer to resolve the issue.
- Bill Moseley shared that the Orientation for Online Students is still available. Bill is encouraging instructors to use the tool and let him know if you have any suggestions. You can access this orientation at <http://www.orientator.com/studentstart/>. If you want a faculty account, which would allow you to view student results, email Bill Moseley.
- Bill Moseley is also steering a taskforce charged with exploring Canvas. Canvas is the course management system adopted by the Online Education Initiative. If BC wants to participate in this initiative, we must use Canvas for our online classes. Andrea Thorson is co-chairing this taskforce with Bill. If you are interested in helping pilot Canvas, please let Bill or Andrea know.
- Kristin Rabe reported that Program Reviews are due to the Program Review Committee on September 25. Those completing the Program Review will notice some changes, in particular, no need to provide a cost quote for desired technology.
- Kristin also advised that work has begun on an Accessibility Awareness Taskforce. As a reminder all media should be accessible to all students. The goal of this taskforce is “equal access to audiovisual media shown on campus.” More info will be forthcoming to the senate.
- Kristin also reminded everyone that showing movies on campus as a fundraiser is not allowed without first obtaining public performance permission. The policy is posted on the ISIT website.
- Todd reviewed last year’s goals with the committee, all of which were completed. He also reviewed the four initiatives from direction #3 of the Strategic Directions document that pertain to the ISIT Committee. The committee then discussed possible goals for the coming year. Four suggested goals:
 - Review and prioritize requests from the Annual Update process.

- Evaluate the Canvas CMS in comparison to Moodle and make a recommendation following the evaluation.
- Review and evaluate themes from both the student and staff annual technology surveys to generate future committee goals and to “close the loop.”
- Arrange for the evaluation of program review software.