Information Systems Instructional Technology (ISIT) Report: February 10, 2016

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Since my last report, the ISIT Committee has met on December 7, 2015 and February 1,2016.

- The December 7th meeting was used for a Canvas presentation by Bill Moseley. Bill shared the results of a survey that was conducted among the faculty who were testing Canvas, a proposed replacement for Moodle.   Bill presented the same information at the first Senate meeting of the spring semester on January 27, 2016.

The following items were discussed at the February 10 ISIT meeting:

- The committee was briefed on the Canvas presentation at the Senate meeting. Everyone was made aware that the Senate would be voting on whether or not to move forward with Canvas during the February 10th Senate meeting. The goal is to pilot Canvas during summer school and begin implementation in Fall 2016.

- Kristin Rabe reported that those projects scheduled for the summer have not yet been identified.

- Matt Jones reported that he will be creating a Technology, Innovation, and Professional Development (TIPD) blog. Both text and videos will be shared on this blog. Once it is up and running, faculty and staff will be able to subscribe so that information is delivered to their email addresses.

- Matt also outlined plans to hold meetings for online instructors, during which tips, techniques, and best practices would be shared. The tentative dates are 2/12, 3/11, and 4/29. Emails with more information should be forthcoming.

- Matt Jones and Tracy Lovelace are developing a series of technology courses: Direct, Accessible, Short, and Helpful (DASH). You should have received an email from Tracy Lovelace with the February course schedule. The courses will be on a variety of subjects designed to help you increase your technology savvy.

- The results from the last Technology Survey were compiled and analyzed by a subcommittee of ISIT looking for trends and issues. Below is a list of major user concerns.

- The biggest complaints and possible topics of concern for this committee were the following:
    o More/improved WIFI needed on campus (very expensive for ISIT to do);
    o More printers needed (some of this has been done since 2014);
    o More outlets needed;

- o More computer labs needed (5 labs will be upgraded this summer);
  - o More support needed (most go to friends and family instead of our help desk);
  - o Inside BC needs to be faster and easier to navigate.

- Lastly, the prioritized list of technology requests was distributed to the committee. The list is posted on the committees page on the BC website. Todd Coston, IT Director, shared with the committee that as always, there is no allocated budget for technology requests. When grant monies become available for certain technology projects, those needs get met. As Todd can squeeze money out of his budget, other needs get met. However, this year, the IT budget was decreased by $150,000. making the job of adding new technology even more difficult.

  Although it may seem futile, everyone is still encouraged to submit requests via Program Review. As money becomes available, which sometimes happens, IT will fulfill technology requests according to their priority.

The next ISIT meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 in Levinson 40.