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Faculty Senate Partnerships and Technology Committee Minutes

October 19, 2018

Present: Jason Harper (Chair), Shane Shartz (Secretary), Kayvan Aflatooni, Yuxiang Du
Not Present: Glenn Growe, Gregory Kandt

1. Unfinished Business

A. Apple computers

1. Ongoing problems with tech support – seems to be understaffed and undertrained
2. This affects adjuncts, staff, faculty, and students
3. Perhaps a ratio of tech staff to Apple machines?
4. Fall survey of FHSU (though much of this could be discovered through Mike Nease) to assess needs
5. The sentiment is that if FHSU f/s is eligible for a new PC every four years, then Mac users should, too

Discussion: Committee is aware there is a process and it is possible for faculty to obtain mac computers.

Action: Committee should obtain an official statement from Mike Nease to share with faculty.

B. Water fountain in Malloy Hall

1. ...and elsewhere on campus...
2. Malloy water fountain tested quite high (↑than 600)
3. Should more testing be done?

Discussion: Committee feels that ‘unsafe’ water should be a concern and something that should be monitored. Committee felt this is beyond the scope of the committee and was unsure where to forward this information.

Action: Committee recommends moving this item to executive committee for further action.

C. Recycling on campus

1. Some observations of recyclables and trash getting combined on campus
2. Concern that FHSU would set an example; instead should
3. Opportunity in new buildings to promote recycling

Discussion: Another issue the committee felt is important but beyond the scope of the committee.

Action: Committee recommends moving this item to executive committee for further action.

2. New Business

A. Duo Security

1. Faculty concerns over required use of personal phones and data
2. Not all faculty have a SmartPhone
3. Difficulty using in China
4. Privacy issues

Discussion: The committee discussed and had concern over FHSU wanting faculty/staff to use their own personal devices for FHSU security reasons. There is additional concern over faculty/staff being able to 'opt in', but then not being able to easily 'opt out'. Also, not all faculty/staff may own a cellphone, but need access off campus.

Action: Committee recommends that senators ask their departments for additional Duo Security experiences and report them back to the committee.

Hardware device available for \$25 and 10 passwords list.

B. CMS switch

1. BlackBoard contract expires next year
2. Survey and information forthcoming
3. Some faculty resistant

Discussion: The committee discussed at length the various pros and cons of different CMSs and their experiences in different environments. In particular, the committee would be interested in additional information regarding how content is managed/handled, the ease of course migration from BlackBoard to another system, and how user-friendly (amount of training needed to switch) each system possibly considered will be. The committee understands other campus units are working on this item and more information will be made available in the future.

Action: No action was discussed.

C.Added Item: TK20 and evaluation data

Discussion: The committee discussed TK20 and the difficulties some faculty had in preparing documentation for merit, tenure, promotion, and post-tenure. The new system has a perceived 'lack' of user-friendliness and data presentation to fit the formats typically required in evaluation documents. The committee further discussed the possibility of having such items standardized and distributed to the appropriate faculty to ease the workload of preparing such documents.

Action: No action was discussed.