

AITC

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2018

Approved: April 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12 noon

ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Clarke, Coleman, Dahlquist [absent], Gonzalez, Kaplan, Keegan [absent], Markovic, Norris, Stark

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members: Heather [absent], Miller, Perez [absent], Cote, Koropp, Houston [absent], Pokhrel, Hammersley [absent]

GUESTS: Jennifer Schwedler

Open Forum

Introductions to introduce new ASI student rep Kevin Cote to the group

Eduroam: Ron reported that he was at a meeting at the Palm Desert Campus of CSU San Bernardino, and was easily able to access his email via Eduroam.

Sac State App: Kevin felt that the Sac State App was not as good as he had hoped. He downloaded it, but did not find it useful enough to keep using. His informal surveys of a couple of his classes also revealed that few students were using it.

Ron suggested that perhaps the one app was trying to do too much, and that separate targeted apps might be more appropriate, e.g., a SacState Parking app. This would be in keeping with the general philosophy of apps, namely to do one thing, not many things.

Emergency Broadcast system test this morning: seemed to go well. People got multiple notifications.

IRT budget request: Amber, who serves as the liaison with the Senate Exec Committee, requested a copy of the IRT budget request from the recent budget requests that all divisions had to do. [Christine said she will provide this at the next meeting]

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: YES

APPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2018: YES

5. Printer issue in Folsom Hall

Jen provided an update on the printer. IRT has the printer, and they are now working on setting up the network drop in Folsom Hall, at the desired location.



6. Matlab update

13 CSUs are participating, including CSUS. They gave us a great price for the full package (all the toolboxes). It will likely be available in June. There will be a training package. We can "store" current partially used licenses, which can them be resumed, should the new deal be terminated. It is going to be paid for by All-University expenses, not individual colleges/departments. The initial agreement is for 5 years.

7. Virtual Reality/Lab

There are two associated ideas here. One is virtual labs, e.g., a human dissection simulation on a computer. These already exist and are being used by various departments.

The new thing is that IRT is building in AIRC 3007 a virtual reality space. (San Diego is the leader at this stuff). The idea is to provide a space where faculty/staff can try out different technologies, ranging from lowend (smart phone adapters) to high end. This is a relatively new technology. The challenge right now is a dearth of software and applications for the hardware. [Rachel pointed out that this is her field of expertise and that she has some computer science students working on this with her for 3D art]. The hardware will likely be operational in the fall. There is a mini-grant available for development. Jen will send to Chair.

Ron: perhaps it would be helpful to form an ad hoc working group of interested people from around the campus.

8. Web Stewardship Steering Committee

Ron informed the group that the Web Stewardship Steering Committee has been formed, and that he is the Senate representative on this body.

He raised the issue that while there are some obvious fixes to the CSUS website structure and processes which the Steering Committee will try to address, another key component of a successful web experience (for students, faculty, staff, visitors) is that the content that visitors are seeking must actually be there. This raises the key issue: who is responsible for what content? For example, I cannot find information (office hours, etc.) about a given faculty member if that information is not actually online, regardless of how good the search engine functions.

Question: is it the realm of this committee to take up the issue of what information should faculty be required to provide? [Ask senate exec]

9. Next AITC meeting will be Friday, April 20, at noon, in Riverside 2014 (Dean's Conference Room).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.