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Academic Information Technology Committee Meeting
University of Nebraska Kearney

Date/Time:  October 21, 2010, 8:45 a.m.
Place:  Otto Olsen 118

Present:  Aaron Clark (CNSS), Jon Ritterbush (Library), Deborah Schroeder (ITS), Janet Wilke (Library Dean), Tami Moore (President, Faculty Senate), Brenda Eschenbrenner (CBT)

Absent:  Nanette Hogg (FAH), Scott Fredrickson (COE), Ken Messersmith (COE), Student Representative (To be named)

The meeting was called to order by Tami Moore at 8:45 a.m. and charged the committee in person, and by e-mail:

“It serves as the UNK Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable that advises administration and faculty, shares information, coordinates plans, and suggests means for using technology to improve teaching and learning’ (wording from Constitution).”

Tami suggested that two issues the AIT Committee may be called to address would include policies about online harassment, and office hours requirements for online courses. Deb Schroeder noted that the University’s “Guidelines for the Use of Information Technology Resources” document, posted at http://www.unk.edu/offices/its.aspx?id=44686, does address online harassment when University IT resources are utilized.

Tami recused herself from the remainder of the meeting, so the group could elect a new chair and secretary for the 2010-2011 year. Jon Ritterbush offered to serve as chair, and Aaron Clark volunteered to serve as secretary. Jon will ask for additional nominations and a vote by email, and will follow-up with Jane Petersen to update the AIT membership within the committee’s Blackboard account.

Deb will be sending an email with additional information and topics for consideration, such as the “Internet Email List” policy.

Deb also provided some brief updates on other ITS projects and topics:

- Mobile access for student LoperMail will be available in late October.
- A draft RFP for faculty/staff email system for UNK, UNL and UNO has been prepared. UNMC’s email requirements are slightly different due to HIPAA privacy requirements.
- The “Clickers” standard previously approved is not fully compatible with Blackboard 9; another standard may need to be adopted.
- Blackboard 9.2 is currently being tested. Early indications are that this service pack will resolve several outstanding issues.
• Updates to our 10-year-old Scantron test/survey scanning systems are being evaluated. Apperson is one potential alternative vendor.

Jon inquired about the status of the Student Union Computer Lab. ITS owns the computer equipment, but the Union oversees this space. Deb reported there are 24 PCs in the Union Lab, averaging 4 users per hour.

Meeting adjourned 9:21 a.m.

Submitted by Jon Ritterbush (outgoing secretary)