

Faculty Senate Technology Council

02/14/19 Meeting

Present: Megan Chesin, Matthew Finn, Tao Guo, Housen Maratouk, Ray Schwartz, Pei-Lin Weng

Not able to attend: Gamin Bartle, Sonya Bierbower

1. Meeting agenda accepted by all attendees
2. December minute approved by all attendees
3. Discussion about co-chairs for Spring 2019
 - a. Pei-Lin volunteered to be chair or co-chair.
 - b. Ray decided to step down from co-chair
 - c. Will need to check with other council members for their interest
4. Updates on the meeting (12/15/2018) with Interim Provost DeYoung and Sandy Hill regarding Online Learning Center
 - a. Will wait for Gamin's update at next meeting
5. Updates on Digital Literacy regrading Lynda.com (meetings: 12/18/18 with Lynda.com rep & 12/13/18 with Lynne Orr)
 - a. Will wait for Gamin's update at next meeting
 - b. Council members shared with their experience with Lynda.com and potential usage in their own classes
 - c. There was a concensus that, many faculty members and students are not aware of this tool or its capacity. Incentives might need to be provided to students to promote the usage. A certification of course completion could be helpful. To take full advantage of this tool, a class needs to fully intergrate with the techonology, i.e. students should learn not only the technology but how to apply this technology in real-world applications.
 - d. Housen mentioned that, there were two pop-up Lynda.com trainings provided last semester, that were well received. There wil be at least one session in the near future.
6. Old business: Academic Integrity Policy with Revisions.
 - a. Will wait for Gamin's update at next meeting
7. Old business: Home for Online Programs Best Practices Checklist
 - a. Have relayed this task to Peter Griswold to contact the Provost office
 - b. Task Completed by the council.
8. Old business: Collaboration with the Research, Scholarship and Creative Expression Council
 - a. The collaboration is on-going. Tao will attend RSCE's next sub-committee meeting.
9. Old business: Establishing persistent URLs and best practices for posting and maintaining important University documents online
 - a. Will wait for Ray's update at next meeting
10. Housen demonstrated the Blackboard Colleborator, in case council members need to join the council meeting remotely.
11. Housen talked about the "Teaching with Techonology Showcase" event at William Paterson Univesity.

Action Items:

1. Demonstration of Jupyter Notebook
 - a. Ray will explain this open-source tool and how this could be leveraged in classroom

Respectfully submitted by Tao Guo