Faculty IT Committee for AS&E

Chair: Michael Roberts

Present: Michael Roberts, Paul Lehrman, Austin Napier, Nicholas Andre, Sam Kounaves, Doug Anderson, David Kahle, Jennifer Nguyen,

Date and Time: November 15th, 11AM-12 PM

Plan for this meeting: Discuss instructional needs for technology presently and in near future

Topics:

1. Introductions for new members
2. Discussed Classroom Connect and EMS, what is where and what is used most frequently.
3. Discussed a plan to identify whether current resources are sufficient for faculty needs and to identify the degree of standardization of resources across classrooms
4. Needs were identified as varied, including large lectures, small group work, and high level computing, all requiring ease of use and consistency of controls.
5. In reviewing lessons learned from other institutions, it was recommended that the focus be on flexibility of form and function in teaching spaces, and that different tiers of specialization be identified in classroom spaces, allowing for customization but standardization and predictability to set-up as well.
6. Student representatives contributed their interest in the systems working right every time, more frequent use of lavalier mics, more outlets and power availability, PnP collaboration spaces, and a functional platform for clicker apps.
7. The committee also discussed the value of virtualizing academic software in an effort to re-imagine computer labs on campus.
8. The Committee was informed of the efforts of the newly re-started Classroom Committee and planned to reach out for collaboration in the immediate future.

Next Meeting’s Plan: Identify specific strategies/plans to gather information necessary to strategically plan for addressing technology needs and resources required by current and near-future instructional methods. Discuss coordinating efforts with Classroom Committee.