Faculty IT Committee for AS&E

Chair: Michael Roberts

Present: Michael Roberts, Paul Lehrman, Austin Napier, Michael Shah, Doug Anderson

Date and Time: October 11th, 11AM-12 PM

Plan for this meeting: Introduction of new members and identify priorities for coming year’s agenda

Topics:

1. Introductions for new members
2. Review technology and support changes in recent past and near future with VP of IT:
   a. UIT-ITS consolidation and coordination project is continuing, faculty in meeting reported faster response rate but unable to report better quality at this time
   b. New institutional licenses with Adobe Master Collection, Box.com, and Qualtrics discussed, notification of faculty as yet incomplete
   c. IT investigating virtualization of lab space and the possibility of an “app store” of academic software, simulations, and applications
   d. In collaboration with TEAM, looking to address technology standardization for classroom spaces including the need for a “predictable refresh” of infrastructure as needed
   e. Reviewed availability of video-conferencing spaces
   f. Discussed expected possible changes in 200 and 574 Boston Ave. spaces, including recommendations for infrastructure and bandwidth
3. Identified need to increase the information available for decision-making processes related to technology infrastructure and plans for instructional spaces. Student input, particularly graduate student input, was identified as a necessary part of any information gathering process for future strategic planning.
4. Agreed to address the challenge of gathering faculty and student feedback on general and specific technology needs related to instruction and instructional spaces.

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.