Faculty IT Committee for AS&E

Chair: Michael Roberts

Present: Michael Roberts, Austin Napier, Nicholas Andre, Sam Kounaves, Doug Anderson, David Kahle, Ariel Goldberg

Date and Time: January 31st, 11AM-12 PM

Plan for this meeting: Discuss developments in instructional resources

Topics:

1. Informed members of new change to WebX from Adobe Connect University-wide. This new platform is from Cisco and is preferred to the Adobe Connect product used previously.
2. Discussed plan for Space Planning consulting report to be coordinated by Katherine Link through outside vendors, looking at learning spaces including technology and a classroom inventory. The project will also include qualitative data about the future of instructional spaces. No specific time frame is available at this time.
3. Discussed the value of using a more global approach to technology purchasing to increase leverage with vendors, including with video-conferencing software, survey software (Qualtrics), statistical packages (SPSS), and other larger software purchases.
4. Two trends were discussed in ongoing process to re-imagine computer labs at the University: virtualizing software, and intentionally organizing collaborative spaces. Both of these trends are planned for implementation in the new 574 Boston Ave. learning spaces.
5. Discussed possible end-of-semester survey from faculty about teaching spaces, but planning on coordinating with Classroom Committee and Katherine Link’s office to avoid duplication of efforts or survey fatigue.

Next Meeting’s Plan: Contact Paul Stanton about collaboration going forward.
Attend next available Classroom Committee meeting.