Faculty IT Committee for AS&E

Chair: Michael Roberts

Present: Michael Roberts, Austin Napier, Nicholas Andre, Doug Anderson, Paul Lehrman, Ariel Goldberg

Date and Time: March 28th, 11AM-12 PM

Plan for this meeting: Review Classroom Committee meeting and plans for assessment of learning spaces

Topics:

1. Update on Katherine Link’s learning space assessment project was shared. RPs have been published for external consultants for this project. Once selected, they will be collaborating with Faculty IT and Classroom Committee on plans for assessing learning spaces.
2. Discussed development of new position established at the University: an internal engineering expert to serve as an AV specialist to allow for integration and coordination of services and resources related to AV. Standardization of resources will be a focus of this position as well as ensuring the right “fit” of needs and resources in each space and for each course. Examples given from the Committee included AV control systems in recently updated classrooms which included multiple unused features, speaking to a need for greater simplification of control systems.
3. Discussed need for effective communication of updates in resources available, like the Adobe software and statistical software availability.
4. Discussed results of Classroom Committee meeting, including plan to stay in frequent touch next academic year as the AV specialist position and learning space assessment project are rolled out.
5. Discussed plans for meeting needs of Windows XP users still remaining on campus after Microsoft’s decision to no longer support the product. This will involve reaching out to each department’s XP users and helping them seek resolution within the needs of their instruction and research resources.

Next Meeting’s Plan: Discuss 2014-2015 plan for Committee