Library and Information Technology Committee, Faculty Senate, University of Tennessee

Committee Members: Joseph Beard (SGA), Greg Billings (GSS), Stan Bowie, Marianne Breinig, Mark Collins, David Golden (ex officio), John Haas, Wonjae Hwang, Agricola Odoi, Yvonne Pelletier, Joel Reeves (ex officio), Steven Smith (ex officio), Robert Spirko, Kathi Wong, Bharat Mehra (Chair).

Committee Charge

Duties of the Library and Information Technology Committee include: (1) identifying, reviewing, and recommending information technology policies; (2) representing the Faculty Senate on key university committees that address information technology; (3) reporting to the Faculty Senate on key information technology issues and developments that affect the campus; and (4) ensuring that library services and collections meet the teaching, research, and public service needs of the campus communities with particular focus on library policies and procedures that facilitate use of resources.

This was considered an informational meeting owing to time conflict of several members and their inability to attend. Minutes from the last meeting were approved. The meeting time for the next semester were finalized and agreed upon.

- Meeting time for next semester: Second Monday of the month, 3.30-4.30pm [except the last semester meeting]—February 10; March 10; April 14; May 5 (2-3pm).

Joel Reeves sought committee members’ input regarding use of online course development, maybe a tutorial thing, and creating podcasts. OIT has Online Instructor Toolkit that provides a number of options, recommendations, software, etc. for putting a course or parts of a course online. A one-hour consult with a faculty member is much more effective time-wise than someone just walking through these pages and trying to do something on their own. Committee members shared their thoughts.

Marianne Breinig gave a demonstration of using a tablet connected to a Smart Podium computer using the Splashtop software. She got feedback from present committee members’ input if they thought this was something that should be recommended for certain classrooms. It was decided to get additional feedback until the next meeting.

Steve Smith delivered a presentation of the project to preserve a legacy collection of print journal back runs for the university and the state and received feedback and questions from members present.

The meeting was adjourned.