Faculty Senate Library and Information Technology Committee

August 29, 2014

Members present: Brian Ambroziak, Marianne Breinig, Mark Dean, Mary Lynn Derrington, Jacqueline Johnson, Joel Reeves, Ragan Schriver, Robert Spirko. [Please double check this as I’m not at all sure this list is complete.]

Rob Spirko called the meeting to order at 2:50.

Joel Reeves announced the Google Apps arrangement that the university has made with Google, wherein UT logins will work with Google apps/Google accounts. This is being rolled out for students first, and then faculty. He solicited feedback on the announcement letter.

Rob reviewed the committee charge, and recapped the actions and issues that the committee dealt with last year, including the Library SACS accreditation and the issue of consistent classroom technology.

The group then brainstormed goals or issues to take on in the coming year.

Goals:

1) Classroom technology issues—follow up on discussion from last year and draft of resolution.
2) Computational capacity/Newton/Oak Ridge/cloud—looking at balancing UT and Oak Ridge usage.
3) Library SACS follow up: what were the recommendations in the report? What can we do with it?
4) Library: more prominent role for faculty in usage.
5) New bandwidth issues—Joel Reeves said it’s handled for now: increase last year of 40% and this year of also 40%. New hardware installed and old hardware shared with other UT system schools.
6) Space Institute: issue of online classes being equally offered at UTK vs. UTSh. Also, issue of perhaps using Skype or some other medium to facilitate telepresence for this committee’s meetings so UTSh can be better represented. One suggestion was – [ooVoo? Fuze? Get clarification on this.]

We discussed briefly future meeting times.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.