

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Educational Technology
Monday, December 11, 2006
75 Gerberding Hall

Chair Kaminsky called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes
3. Chair's Announcements
4. Committee Discussion of the following topics:
 - a. Recommendation Letter to Senate
5. News from Catalyst, Libraries, etc.
6. Open Announcements
7. New Business
 - a. Search for New Vice-Chair

1. Agenda – Approved

2. November 16, 2006 Minutes – Approved

3. Chair's Announcements

- Chair Kaminsky welcomes Linda Lane, ASUW and invited guests Michael Eisenberg, Dean Emeritus, Information School, and Sharon Primm-Dayot, Curriculum Coordinator, TRIO.
- The webcam policy discussion will be deferred to a future meeting, after more research can be completed.
- Sharon Minton will be taking over for Robert Corbett as the PSO representative on FCET, effective immediately.

4. Committee Discussions

a. Recommendation Letter to Senate

- Chair Kaminsky gives an overview to guests Primm-Dayot & Eisenberg, along with newcomers L. Lane & Minton, of the committee's history with and work on a recommendation letter to the Faculty Senate.
- Kaminsky hands-out a revised version of the recommendation letter to the committee for review and comments.
- Primm-Dayot provides the committee with a brief overview of the TRIO program, and its experiences with the Turnitin.com trial. The TRIO program works with secondary and post-secondary students to improve their writing and citation skills. Students are notified that all work completed by them is submitted to Turnitin.com. Similarity reports are generated and shared with the students to illustrate where they can improve. TRIO provides the students with helpful citation tools to improve their writing. As a result of the use of Turnitin.com, TRIO has seen a decline in the instances of plagiarism in students' work.
- Eisenberg offers his thoughts and recommendations for the letter to the Senate, including: emphasizing a UW-wide "Culture of Citation;" expanding upon the roles and responsibilities of faculty in exercising and teaching proper citation; compiling tools and technologies to be available to faculty to integrate into their courses and lectures; and putting together a timeline for implementation of the program. Eisenberg also notes that bringing the recommendation letter to A-TAC (Academic Technology Advisory Committee), or holding a joint meeting may be a good idea. He recommends Ed Taylor and Betsy Wilson as good contacts to begin with and prepare for an A-TAC presentation with.

- Ward indicates that the Libraries are trying to bring in lectures and courses on citation and plagiarism, which have been popular in past sessions.
- Concerns are raised and discussed by the committee regarding the functions of the database, students wishing to opt-out of Turnitin.com's usage, how and where results and data are stored, the focus towards preventative measures rather than punitive, and possible retaliation against faculty.
- Kaminsky thanks committee for their input, and notes that several changes need to be made to the recommendation letter. He requests that Ward, L. Lane & Lewis send faculty resource and citation information to be referenced in the letter. Once received, Kaminsky will compile another draft of the letter for committee review.

5. News from Catalyst, Libraries, etc.

- Lewis reports that Catalyst will be releasing first round of courseware Web Tools next week, and updates/additional tools approximately every 10 weeks thereafter.
- Kaminsky raises a concern that some still people may not use the tools, out of discomfort and "fear" of technology. Lewis responds that even with the best products, this may always be a factor, and would be interested in further discussion with the committee about possible ideas and opportunities to reach out to those users. Kaminsky agrees, and adds that it would be useful to identify these people, as they may also be less likely to use an electronic detection tool.

6. Open Announcements - None

7. New Business

a. *Search for Vice Chair*

- Kaminsky asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair, however none were made. This item will be revisited at the next meeting.

b. *Next Meeting*

- The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2007. Kaminsky summarizes that the next meeting will focus on finalizing the recommendation Letter to the Senate, in preparation to send to ATAC for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. *Minutes by Alyssa Robbins, Administrative Assistant, Computing & Communications.*

Present: *Faculty members:* Conroy, Kaminsky, Kanal, Leggott, Miller
President's designee: Moy
Ex-officio members: Corbett, Minton, Ward
ASUW Representative: L. Lane
Guests: Eisenberg, Lewis, Primm-Dayot

Absent: *Faculty members:* Berger
Guests: C. Lane