MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members Present: P. Newell, A. Nambiar, J. Beynon, R. Amarasinghe, , A. Espana-Najera, R. Sanchez (TILT – ex-officio), J. Michael (Technology Services – ex-officio), D. Dutra, T. Siechert

Members Absent: B. Auernheimer, O. Benavides, D. Nef, J. Madrigal (ASI Representative), M. Bach, Kevin Ayotte (Senate Chair)

Guest:

Meeting called to order at 1.02pm by P. Newell

1. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda of October 13, 2014
2. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of September 08, 2014
3. Communication and Announcements
* Brent would email committee on update about faculty laptops

1. Non-centrally allocated Classrooms – P Newell
* P Newell shared that the philosophy was to make sure technology is standardized in classrooms and conference rooms.
* P Newell mentioned that the report is proposing budgetary allocation for refreshing all classrooms – non-centrally allocated and centrally allocated.
* J Beynon inquired about feedback from Arts and Humanities.
	+ P Newell mentioned that the report was sent to the College
* J Michael mentioned that there would be challenges in implementing the proposed improvements.
* MSC to approve the document and to be sent to Senate for implementation.
1. Technology Services Update – J Michael
* The struggles with Blackboard and network outages have been resolved.
1. TILT/CSALT Update – R. Sanchez
* The solution to the issues with Blackboard and network outages was to host a stripped down version of Blackboard on off-site servers (Amazon). This would be implemented for Winter Intersession to handle the Blackboard upgrade.
* Received grant from Air Quality Board to license Respondus test proctoring tool for 3 years. Hope to make it available in Spring 2015. This works for tablets as well.
* Course Match – there is interest from Deans to get involved to make courses available to the system.
	+ R Amarasinghe inquired about articulation process
		- R Sanchez mentioned that it is done through Peoplesoft and each campus needs to agree to match
	+ R Amarasingher mentioned that at the Systemwide meeting, there was some concerns about proctoring for online exams.
		- R Sanchez mentioned that this was one of the reasons for the Respondus license
* Blackboard upgrade is scheduled for the Winter Break and it would look different in Spring 2015. They have a new system called Bb Ultra – completely different look and feel. There is a preview feature for instructors to see how their course would look like in the new version and decide to switch.
	+ P Newell inquired if Bb is thinking about re-engineering bottom-up.
		- R Sanchez mentioned that that does not look like to be on their radar yet.
	+ A Espana-Najera inquired if the app is going to be updated as well
		- R Sanchez mentioned that there is a new app called Bb Grader which has issues.
1. New Business
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Adjourned at 1.34pm