

Senate IT Committee
(draft) Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017

Attendance

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I. D2L update

CTL organized web casts with presentations of the three main contenders: Blackboard, Canvas, and D2L. Switching would require an overlap of at least two years. So there will be significant costs associated with switching. D2L and Canvas will likely be comparable pricewise. D2L is really pushing for the cloud version and it I expected that within two years everyone using D2L will be forced to go with the cloud version. There pros and cons to going with the cloud one pro being “built-in” data recovery.

Going with the cloud version should feel no different compared to our current implementation. The same goes for integrated software, such as Panopto. Given the current budget situation and the workload requirement for a switch we would recommend staying with D2L and switch to the cloud whenever best with respect to negotiations etc. We further would like the senate to vote on this as early as possible which may require suspending rules.

II. IT committee task: Best practice for replacing technology items

A draft was emailed around that we can use to base discussions on to finalize this in the next semester.

III. CaTS updates

CaTS sent out customer satisfaction survey and is receiving positive responses from faculty. Students are complaining more about WiFi though. CaTS is gathering more data to identify the issue. Regarding the computer replacement policy, CaTS will work with people to reinstall systems etc. to prolong the life of existing computers. The policy is not officially enacted yet so there will be more details in the near future. There will be an announcement tomorrow for face-to-face training sessions for outlook, one drive, etc. offered once a month starting in May. CaTS is working on enabling one drive for external use. This will allow one to share links that can require an internal account or generic Microsoft account to access dependent on the settings the file owner selected.

IV. Hardwired laptop hookups in classroom and conference rooms

There is a need for the availability of hardwired connections for laptop computers in classrooms and conference rooms. The wireless video connections are likely not reliable enough compared to VGA or HDMI connections. So having either one of those would likely be the better solution (and there are adapter between these (some of which active) that could be used).

V. Adjourn.