

**Western Oregon University
Academic Technology and Resources Committee
Year-End Report 2020-2021 AY**

I. Committee Charge and Responsibilities

The charge of the Academic Technology and Resources Committee is:

Provide a campus-wide faculty voice for all academic technology infrastructure related organizational processes and facilities that are related to teaching, research, and student academic achievement, with general duties including policy review, planning, implementation, and problem solving.

Responsibilities:

1. Provides a campus-wide faculty voice for:

- The development and maintenance of academic and educational technology infrastructure
- Decision making and granting of specific faculty funding requests for academic technology and resources.
- Academic and educational technology funding and policy recommendations to the University Technology Committee and the University Budget Committee.

2. Makes recommendations about policies, procedures and resources necessary to:

- Establish and maintain effective educational technology systems including learning management systems
- Serve the needs of academic researchers, classroom and/or online instructors, academic support staff, and students.
- Support professional development and learning opportunities for faculty and staff for academic and educational technology.

3. Provides oversight to ensure that infrastructure and funding recommendations are addressed and final actions implemented.

4. Notifies and advises Faculty Senate on matters regarding academic infrastructure, especially implementation of recommended technology and resources funding for faculty.

II. 2020-2021 Committee Members

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Natural Sciences and Mathematics,	Steve Taylor, Chair
Creative Arts	Tim Cowart
Social Science	Isidore Lobnibe
Behavioral Science	Chehalis Strapp
Computer Science	Scot Morse
Business	OPEN
Humanities	Joshua Daniels

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Education and Leadership	OPEN
Health and Exercise Science	Marita Cardinal
Deaf and Professional Studies	OPEN

LIBRARY

Library	OPEN
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UNIVERSITY COMPUTING

UCS	Bill Kernan
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Note: Committee Division Participation Ratio: 8 / 12 = 67%

III. 2020-21 Virtual Zoom Meeting Dates

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
December 2020 - No Meeting Winter Break
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
March 2021 - No Meeting Winter Term Final Exam Week
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

IV. Committee Highlights / Bullet Summary

- Bill Kernan, UCS Director, provided monthly reports and updates on a wide variety of topics including cyber security, smartroom installations, staffing / budget updates, and hardware upgrades.
- Steve Taylor, ATRC / UTAC member, provided monthly reports and updates on UTAC activities including organizational structure, LMS / Moodle-Canvas Conversion process, development of campus technology plan, and other related committee activities.
- Chelle Bachelor and Michael Reis provided periodic updates from the Center for Academic Innovation including faculty training opportunities, LMS Moodle-Canvas transition procedures, software testing, student needs assessment and general reports of activities from their respective areas.
- The committee has a large number of membership openings that were not filled in 2020-2021, four division positions were left open. It is recommended that faculty senate executive committee work towards cultivating full committee membership.
- ATRC sent a draft campus technology survey developed in spring 2020, with the intent of being distributed to faculty in the academic areas. The survey is intended to be broad based and inquiring about technology needs with respect to academics, learning, service and research in the faculty ranks. The committee forwarded the draft survey to UTAC, for a more centralized and uniform approach to developing a survey instrument, similar to the process used for the LMS assessment two years ago. UTAC is working on a technology survey approach that is to be dove-tailed with larger scope development of a campus-wide technology plan.

V. Recommendations

1. The committee recommends a campaign for faculty senate executive committee to demonstrate the importance of ATRC to the faculty body, and increase representation from the divisional units. More robust committee membership and support by the faculty / divisions are going to be needed for ATRC to make a significant difference to the technology and related infrastructure at WOU.
2. The committee recommends continued integration of regular monthly meeting reports from the Center for Academic Innovation, in addition to the ongoing reports / communication from University Computing Solutions and University Technology Advisory Committee. In addition to Bill Kernan, Director of UCS being included on ATRC as ex-officio member; faculty senate should also consider including either Chelle Bachelor or Michael Reis as part of the formal committee structure and monthly meetings as well. With the ongoing development of technology initiatives via UTAC and CAI, the committee membership should be revised to reflect the emerging technology integration within the respective academic program areas.