



Educational Technology Committee

Minutes

5/13/2020

Zoom Meeting (via Academic Senate/ETC Canvas Page)

12:30pm – 1:20pm

1.0 Call to Order

Present: Josh, May, Stephanie, Jennifer.

2.0 Introduction of Guests

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

3.1 Amendment: remove 6.3, add 6.4 ETC Resolution

4.0 Approval of Minutes

-4/15/2020 Meeting

Approved

5.0 Public Comments/Announcements

No public

6.0 Discussion Items

6.1 ETC All-online Instruction Survey Results

After reviewing the answers to the 4 questions, no smoking gun emerged. Meaning the problems were varied and no single problem elevated itself over the rest. These results will be passed onto the Academic Senate and the Office the Academic Affairs (All members agreed to the latter since it's not part of the usual path).

One concern brought up was the projected gap between when companies, currently offering free services remove their free services, such as free wifi hotspots and Adobe Subscriptions, and how NVC could fill the gap to continue student access/equity/success. This would leave students without access to software because they could only access them from on campus sources which would be off-limits. This will be brought up at the DTC on Friday.

Additionally, it was brought up repeatedly that were wasn't sufficient computer hardware at home. One suggestion would be to push laptops in faculty computer refresh plans instead of desktops. This would also need to include adjunct computer access as well. This is relevant in our current crisis as well as any future weather or climate related issues.

Stephanie will discuss with Director Lym what options there are for opening the library using social distancing either in Summer or Fall.

When we pass along the survey results, we include a recommendation to hire an additional DE specialist for Summer and Fall. The HUGE change in online instruction means that our current infrastructure, personnel or otherwise, is being taxed. This was evidenced in many of the responses to the survey.

6.2 Single Sign-on as it relates to Canvas redundancy

In order to implement a single sign-on (SSO) for students at NVC, it requires the authentication to be done through NVC. If we wanted to move away from SSO, we would need to untether our systems meaning more login info required for our students. This would give us redundancy allowing us to log in directly to canvas. The problem is this will present another thing our students will be responsible for and may not be a practical change when access to students is already quite limited.

It should be mentioned that most other institutions are moving to a SSO.

6.3 Stephanie brought forward a proposal for the ETC to endorse and pass onto the academic senate exec: (this was shown through screen share via zoom)

Stephanie brought forward the language in an Action item that had been approved by the Academic Senate, May 8th, 2018. The language was intended to be adopted in the 2018 Technology Plan's preamble. The VPAA pulled the language because it was a district document not an academic senate one. So in order for that language to be approved it would need to go back to the DTC and each constituent group for approval BEFORE going to the BOT. It could not in the time frame so the VPAA pulled it. The language is now being brought forward to establish the primacy of role the Academic Senate in terms of Educational Technology. Note: the term Instructional Technology has been updated to Educational Technology.

“The Technology Plan at Napa Valley College (NVC) defines critical needs and technology trends for the next five years. As such, it represents a roadmap of where we need to go with instructional and information technology implementation. The Technology Plan recognizes the need for a governance structure that mandates coordination of instructional and institutional technology and recognizes different functions—particularly in the relationship with selection; planning; and administration of technology resources.”

After much conversation, the above resolution passed 3 to 1
Aye: May, Stephanie, Jennifer Nay: Josh

Josh voted nay citing a lack of specifics.

7.0 Action Items

The committee voted to forward the above resolution in discussion 6.3 to academic exec committee.

8.0 Next Meeting

8.1 Fall 2020

9.0 Adjournment

Faculty members:

Josh M Hanson (Chair)
May Jong
Stephanie Grohs
Jennifer Stanley

Admin. Members:

Dean Maria Villagomez

Classified Members:

Brandon Tofanelli

Meeting Link:

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