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Members Present: O. Benavides, B. Auernheimer, P. Newell, E. Nelson, P. Neufeld, D. Nef, A. Nambiar, J. Beynon, M. Bach

Members Absent: R. Amarasinghe, L. Crask, D. Dutra, S. Zhang, J. Nava

Guest: G. Kriehn

The meeting was called to order by Chair Otto Benavides at 1:00 p.m.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.

2. Communications and Announcements

B. Auernheimer mentioned that the campus kick-off for AL$ has been scheduled for April 10.

O. Benavides mentioned that March 16th is the Fresno Unified School District Tournament of Technology which includes Robotics competition at SSU. Around 800 -1000 kids are expected to be on campus.

3. Drones and UAS

G. Kriehn from Engineering made a presentation clarifying the issue with the recent article in Huffington Post about Fresno State PD applying for drone license. G. Kriehn mentioned that his group of graduate and undergraduate students is carrying out cutting-edge research in unmanned aerial systems mainly for agricultural applications.

4. IT Strategic Plan

O. Benavides shared via email the revised IT Strategic plan which includes input from various constituencies including the Library.

P. Newell mentioned that this is a living document and that the committee can only vote for the current version.

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J. Beynon asked if the major concerns raised by some of the constituencies have been addressed.

P. Newell mentioned that there is an immediate need to ensure that proper consultation does occur by providing details about issues and policies of such magnitude.

There was discussion about whether the committee was voting on the priorities and initiatives listed in the document or the actual document in its current form.

The committee passed the motion to recommend the IT Strategic Plan as it currently stands to the AP&P to be presented at the Senate. The committee felt that the document is mature enough at this point to be sent forward with the confidence that consultations

will continue and that the document will continue to be revised based on new input.

5. AIT Website

A Nambiar volunteered to update the website based on input from the committee. A. Nambiar will work with O. Benavides to get access to the website.

P. Neufeld will update the AIT listserv.

6. Faculty Technology Survey

E. Nelson reported that the faculty technology survey was sent out to 700 faculty – both full-time and part-time. These were randomly selected from the entire pool of faculty.

E. Nelson mentioned that 2 letters and 2 emails were sent out about the survey and has plans to follow-up by phone.

E. Nelson expects that the data collection will be completed by 4 weeks. This is however contingent on the responses from faculty.

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7. MOOCs

The committee discussed various issues related to MOOCs such as quality of instruction, workload for faculty, credit for students, etc.

O Benavides mentioned that there is a task force at the CSU System level that is investigating MOOCs.

O. Benavides requested members to investigate MOOCs and share findings.

J. Beynon suggested that we post resources on AIT website.

8. Technology Services Update

P. Neufeld mentioned that new laptops will be distributed to faculty as part of the laptop refresh program over Spring break.

P. Neufeld mentioned that a pilot has begun for Box.com with the WASC Executive Committee. The committee requested that AIT be part of the pilot.

9. Shared Desktop

P Neufeld mentioned that April 8th is the kick-off for the shared help desk system that is being shared by 3 CSU campuses.

Meeting adjourned at 2.35p.m.