

Annual Report

IFC Technology Committee
AY 2019-2020

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Overview

The committee met monthly with technology officials from UITS and later worked to incorporate technology personnel *not* affiliated with UITS (i.e. University Library, University College.)

Monthly Topics & Review

September 2019

- Charges for the year
- Input related to IU Intellectual Property Policy
- Boost at IU (in preparation for a proposal to the full IFC)

Committee members provided feedback related to the IU intellectual property policy that included the need to clarify ownership of course materials placed into university systems (e.g. Canvas, Kaltura) **regardless** of classroom modality. The committee felt it was not feasible to continue to delineate “online course materials” from those used in traditional courses, as many traditional courses were also dependent on digital materials.

October 2019

- IUPUI Faculty Communications Task Force Update
- UITS' Faculty Communication Efforts

Committee met with Margie Ferguson, chair of the IUPUI faculty communications task force, to learn more about how information was disseminated to faculty. UITS presented its communication plan, including a discussion of how it intends to use Salesforce to track the communications that are delivered and opened.

November 2019

- Faculty responsibility for Accessibility of classroom materials

Committee members met with Michael Mace of the UITS ATAC who explained that the overload of accommodation requests was forcing them to transition to a faculty support model. They can supply captioning and braille materials but their efforts are greatly enhanced when faculty provide materials that are already at least partially accessible. He discussed minimal features that could be used in Office applications, how to correctly load course materials into Canvas (so the group can download them and modify them directly), and timelines that are required for materials to be produced.

December 2019

- Meeting was canceled

January 2020

- Digital Learning Tools at IU/IUPUI
- IU eTexts Program

Members learned about adoption rates and successes of the IU eText program. Concerns were discussed about the availability of course materials on different devices (phones, etc.), ordering timelines, and the ability for students to opt-out.

UITS also explained how the IU eText program allowed non-textbook materials (courseware) to be adopted at a discount and discussed examples of DLTs currently in use. The process for piloting DLTs was clarified and debated.

February 2020

- Conference Room Scheduling Systems at IUPUI
- UITS SSSP Update

Committee members inquired why different buildings on campus utilized different conference room scheduling solutions and why those could not be unified into an existing platform.

Representatives from the Library and University College noted that they were satisfied with their fee-based solution and would not change. Any building that wished to participate would have to pay into the annual fee for their solution. They would not consider scheduling through Exchange, for example.

The Software and Services Selection Process continues to be unwieldy and impractical for faculty to use. The technical requirements asked of the program are often outside of the knowledge of individual faculty. Members requested support from IT pros who could help fill in technical details and advise about alternative solutions. Members repeatedly requested UITS provide a list of “approved” and “disapproved” software titles, as that information is not presently available.

March 2020

- Agenda was set aside for discussions related to the possible transition to online teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic

Had an informal conversation with UITS staff about the preparations being put into place for possible transition to online teaching, including the keepteaching.iu.edu website, Kaltura, and Zoom capabilities.

April 2020

- ePortfolio at IUPUI
- IU Mobile App

Committee was joined by Amy Powell, director of ePortfolio, for a discussion about software solutions for ePortfolios and their role as a high impact practice at IUPUI.

Also received a demonstration of functionality built into the IU app, which was rushed out the door without a beta test because of the shift to online teaching during the Spring 2020 semester.