Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee (FITAC)
Annual Report, February, 2018

Membership:
Amanda Henley (chair), Dan Anderson, Gregory Copenhaver, Patricia Fuentes Lima, Cal Lee, Karen McCulloch, Tessa Nicholas, Temperence Rowell, and David Thissen
From ITS: Michael Barker, Suzanne Cadwell, Chris Kielt
Faculty Welfare Committee liaison: Suchi Mohanty
New members added since last year: Patricia Fuentes Lima, Karen McCulloch, Temperence Rowell, and Suchi Mohanty (as a liaison).

FITAC membership and function:
> (a) The Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee is appointed by the chair of the faculty. It consists of (i) faculty members, and (ii) one or more students serving one-year renewable terms. Faculty members constitute a majority of the members of the committee.
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> (b) The committee represents to the chancellor and the University community the concerns of faculty and others with regard to information technology. The committee's functions include:
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> considering issues pertaining to the use of information technology in teaching and learning, research, and other professional activities in the University; and
> advising University officers and offices of administration on faculty needs and interests relating to information technology.

2017-18 Discussion Topics:
The committee met many times during the past year to discuss and provide feedback on IT-related initiatives. Topics of discussion included:
- Sakai: ongoing updates, improvements and new features.
- ConnectCarolina: updates and improvements.
- Migration to Office 365 with benefits including extra storage space for email and additional protection from spam and phishing via Exchange Online Protection (MS anti-spam software).
- Overview presentation from Carolina Office for Online Learning (COOL) on the overall mission of the unit and discussion of initiatives and future plans.
- Preview of wireframes for proposed new unc.edu website. Faculty provided feedback and some concerns, expressing the need for better access to resources relevant to faculty. The need for a central site of this kind was clearly expressed by FITAC, as well as members of the Faculty Executive Committee. ITS is in the final stages of creating a

faculty portal to accommodate this need. Some FITAC members met with ITS portal implementation staff members during Summer 2017 to see a demo of the portal, make suggestions for additions, discuss help documentation needed and identify testers for pilot production phase. With much assistance from Katie Turner from the office of faculty government, FITAP (broader advisory group) was also surveyed to identify the most important links to include on the portal.

- Digital Literacy Initiative.
- Availability of Adobe Creative Suite to campus. ITS facilitated low-cost access to the software to ensure continued availability to graduating students based on feedback from graduate student representative.
- Expansion of dual authentication for additional services (VCL, Office 365).
- PI Dashboard via InfoPorte.
- Faculty activity reporting tool.
- New general education curriculum and potential implications for IT.
- Updates on research computing about new computing cluster and new storage system.