

# Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee (FITAC)

## Annual Report, February 2019

### Membership:

Amanda Henley (chair), Dan Anderson, Gregory Copenhaver, McKenzie Dubois, Patricia Fuentes Lima, Cal Lee, Karen McCulloch, Austin Snyder, David Thissen, Lisa Villamil, and Kirk Wilhelmsen  
From ITS: Michael Barker, Suzanne Cadwell, and Chris Kielt  
New members added since last year: McKenzie Dubois, Austin Snyder, Lisa Villamil, and Kirk Wilhelmsen.

### 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.

(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:

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.

### 2018-19 Discussion Topics:

The committee met seven times since the last annual report to discuss and provide feedback on IT-related projects and initiatives. Topics of discussion included:

- Communication via the Faculty Portal. Members provided feedback on the types of messages that would be helpful.
- Efforts to improve accessibility of online content (multiple discussions, ongoing effort).
- Sakai updates/enhancements.
- Zoom web conferencing software (available for all faculty, staff and students), replaced Blackboard Collaborate.
- Carolina Cloud Apps status update.
- Updates and expansion of Research Computing.
- Decommissioning AFS.
- Debrief of Deep Learning Symposium, spearheaded by ITS staff, held Sept. 27-28, 2018.
- Two-step verification (Duo and MS365).

- Provided feedback on phase 2 of the Faculty Portal-Sakai integration (ongoing effort).
- Report on the Check-In app pilot project (allows for automated attendance-taking; students use their cell phones check-in to class).
- ServiceNow – upcoming new ticketing system to be used across campus. ITS to implement first.
- The state of the network at UNC.
- Data Analytics Working Group update.
- Faculty reporting tool (ongoing discussion).