

Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee (FITAC)

Annual Report, February 2020

Membership:

Daniel Anderson (Chair), Gregory Copenhaver, Joaquín Drut, Patricia Fuentes Lima, Amanda Henley, Auriel Kee, Cal Lee, Karen McCulloch, Austin Snyder, Jessica Soldavini, Lisa Villamil, and Kirk Wilhelmsen

From ITS: Michael Barker and Suzanne Cadwell

New members added since last year: Auriel Kee, Joaquín Drut, and Jessica Soldavini

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.

2019-20 Discussion Topics:

The committee met eight times since the last annual report. We focused on consulting with leaders of technology-related campus initiatives and advising ITS. Topics of discussion included:

- Faculty Activity Reporting System; FITAC consulted with the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, stressing the need for faculty input and governance should any reporting system platforms be adopted.
- Service now; FITAC consulted with ITS regarding new help system.
- Flexible Learning Spaces; FITAC consulted with CFE representatives about classroom spaces.
- Data Science Initiative; FITAC consulted with leaders of Provost's Data Science Coordinating Committee regarding planning for pan-campus data science efforts.
- Digital and Lifelong Learning; FITAC consulted with the Vice Provost for Digital and Lifelong Learning, stressing the need for faculty opt-in approaches for new learning initiatives.
- Campus Chief Information Officer; FITAC participated in campus search activities.
- Advising ITS Leadership; FITAC consulted with ITS on a range of initiatives, including:
 - ITS leadership
 - Enterprise applications
 - Identity management

- Risk and security
- External provider for web.unc.edu
- Service now
- Cloud capabilities
- UNC system platforms (i.e., Cornerstone)
- Data warehouse and analytics
- Office 365/google platforms