

Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee (FITAC)

Annual Report, February 2022

Membership:

Daniel Anderson (Chair), Wubin Bai, Samantha Balboa, Todd Cherner, Vimal Derebail, Joaquin Drut, Amanda Henley, Cal Lee, Alicia Rivero, Lisa Villamil

From ITS: Michael Barker and Suzanne Cadwell

New members added since last year: Wubin Bai, Samantha Balboa, Todd Cherner

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.

2021-22 Discussion Topics:

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

- Technology access and equity issues for faculty and students: We met with faculty from the business school to consider challenges related to technology access, with a particular emphasis on pandemic-related concerns. We considered infrastructure opportunities and relationships between technology access and equity.
- Faculty Work-Related Data: we continued work on data associated with faculty work: We coordinated with the CIO to bring to the ITS Data Governance Oversight Group a proposal to develop protocols for use of this data. We continue to work on these protocols.
- Information technology support related to the IDEAs in Action curriculum: We met with members of the Enterprise Applications group to discuss infrastructure plans and needs related to the new curriculum. We considered support tools that would help campus units manage aspects related to the first-year foundations component of the curriculum.
- Advising ITS Leadership: FITAC consulted with ITS on a range of initiatives and activities, sharing faculty insights to better inform ITS decisions.