

Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee (FITAC)

Annual Report, April 2023

Membership:

Daniel Anderson (Chair), Wubin Bai, Todd Cherner, Maddie Conley, Vimal Derebail, Joaquin Drut, Blondell Glover, Amanda Henley, Cal Lee, Jackson Meade, Alicia Rivero, Lisa Villamil

From ITS: Michael Barker and Suzanne Cadwell

New members added since last year: Maddie Conley, Blondell Glover, Jackson Meade (all are student appointees)

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.

2022-23 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:

- The campus transition from the Sakai to Canvas Learning Management System. We developed strategies for assisting with the rollout and transition, working with the CIO and Provost.
- Technical infrastructure and challenges related to functions of the Registrar. We considered demands created by the IDEAs curriculum and impacts on faculty created by limits in Registrar systems.
- Employee Forum collaborations. We met with members of the Forum to identify shared concerns and to develop strategies for coordinating efforts.
- Faculty Work-Related Data. Much of our work involved developing Faculty Council Resolution 2023-3 On Principles for Work-Related Data. We developed the resolution throughout the year, presenting it at the March Faculty Council meeting where it was adopted.
- Advising ITS Leadership: FITAC consulted with ITS on a range of initiatives and activities, sharing faculty insights to better inform ITS decisions.