Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee
November 20, 2009

Attendance:
Members: Nigel Ward, Chair, Jose Hernandez, Carolyn Alwalt, Bob Wren, Karl Putnam
Ex-Officio: Stephen Riter, Mary Duffy, Lisa Weber

1. Minutes. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

2. Dr. Riter summarized his presentation to the Faculty Senate:
UTEP is centralizing computer support and exporting services off campus. There are more VM servers and more planned. PeopleSoft will replace BIS…accounting…H.R. to start with. EPCC is linked to UTEP, what happens to that link when People Soft is implemented?

3. Update from the College of Education: The survey about blackboard has not been published yet.

4. Committee goals:
Student technical / computer literacy: We need to identify what the standards are / should be. Board of inquiry: Host a board to investigate big technical blowouts like the MSPACE crash. The cause of which is unknown. A board of inquiry would review all aspects of the crisis. Another example is the conflict between the regularly scheduled technical maintenance that is conducted every Thursday night from 10 PM – 6 AM and student taking online tests. There was no notification for the students using the labs.
5. IT Update:
Spring 2010 the campus will be promoting paperless world. This will require electronic signatures in some cases and may cause some discontent. It will include electronic vitas, tenure packets.
Digital Measures has an error that only HR can correct. This software can't capture personal and academic history. To fix it might result in faculty having to reenter their academic history.

Software purchases are not always made through IT. In fact, IT rarely hears about new software until after-the-fact. Even then, it is only because IT is expected to support it.

A law now requires that at the minimum, there be an electronic/online syllabus and faculty's last class evaluation.

6. Next meeting. The next meeting will be held on December 11th, at 11 AM in the Library, room 325.

9. Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.