

Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

March 17, 2015

The Technology Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in Sanders Hall conference room. Members in attendance are marked as X:

Ron Fritze	X	Nicole Johns	X	Beth Reed	X
Russell Frye		Belinda Krigel	X	Kim Roberts	X
Mark Gale	X	Gary McCullors	X	Renee Stanford	
Rosemary Hodges	X	Derek Newland	X	Debra Vaughn	X
Harry Joiner	X	Del O'Neal	X		

Tegrity Project:

Moderator: Mark Gale

Mark shared a Tegrity Cost Analysis with the committee. Steve Clark was able to secure an increased allowance of 10,000 hours for the same price we were paying for 6,000 hours. We also have the option for 5,000 more hours at a 50% discount. He and Mark believe we will not need the optional hours if we implement a purge policy along with the new 10,000 hour quota. Three other providers of recording capability were vetted and Tegrity was the least expensive.

A purge policy example was provided to the committee to review and share with faculty for input. This guideline considers variables such as student incompletes, grade challenges, and academic deadlines. Sandboxes and Private Courses will not be purged and can serve as a reservoir for recordings to be copied out to course sections.

Blackboard Upgrade:

Moderator: Mark Gale, Steve Clark

Steve shared that there will be a Bb upgrade beginning at 11:30pm on Sunday, May 10th for approximately 12 hours. The upgrade includes bug fixes and improvements to SafeAssign. Training material will be made available regarding the SafeAssign enhancements.

Cybersecurity Initiative:

Moderator: Belinda Krigel

Belinda provided a follow-up to an email sent campus-wide regarding practices employees should implement into their daily routines to safeguard themselves and the University.

IT Updates/Questions/Initiatives:

Moderator: Mark Gale, Gary McCullors

Gary shared a report on current and upcoming projects.

There will be an upgrade to the data room that will provide a UPS.

There will be a Banner hardware/platform upgrade in the April timeframe. Banner will be moved from a Windows to Linux system.

Everyone will be updated to the 2013 email exchange over the summer.

Wireless access will be expanded and stabilized across campus.

Final Questions / Thoughts / Topics

A question was raised regarding the DL policy and the requirement for student access to Bb 5 days prior to the beginning of the semester. The committee should review the DL policy and consider the purpose/necessity of this requirement.

Next meeting date to be determined.