

**Faculty Senate Technology Committee (FSTC) Report  
2010-2011**

MEMBERS, GUESTS:

Paula Matthusan, Arch. & The Arts (Secretary, 2011)	Hannibal Travis, Law (Chair, 2010)
Mark Szuchman, A&S	Marissa Ball, Library (Chair, 2011; Secretary 2010)
Debra VanderMeer, Business Admin.	Rene Herrera, Medicine
Maria Lovett, Education	Steve Bernstein, CNHS
Chen Liu, Engineering	Rich Beaulaurier, Public Health
Joseph Cilli, Hospitality	Debra Sheridan, UTS (ex officio)
Elizabeth Marsh, Journalism	

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION BY FACULTY SENATE

None.

MATTERS DISCUSSED IN FALL 2010 SEMESTER

In support of the Information Technology Advisory Committee's (ITAC) recommendation, the FSTC co-signed a letter in support of Dr. Min Yao's proposal to create a University Data Center to streamline and centralize the University's smaller, fractured silos. The committee suggested that the move to a centralized data center should also include an evaluation of existing servers/centers (Voted 4-2). Shortly after this endorsement, the committee was informed that funding for the data center proposal was not approved, but that alternate solutions were being considered.

UTS reported that all the committee's 2010, Spring resolutions were implemented, with exception of the security camera recommendation,

*Recommend—The Faculty Senate solicit a report documenting that all security cameras on campus are operational and routinely maintained and updated to minimum standards, if any.*

*6-1 voted and approved*

- A meeting to discuss this issue with Police Chief King is pending.

Planning for the FSTC/UTS Technology Day continued, with the recommendation that for the first time, the committee solicit participation from not just the faculty, but all of the University community.

The committee suggested that there should be web-hosting support for faculty Web sites, after looking into the suggestion, UTS disclosed that this can currently be done, however, it is only being sponsored on a small-scale

UTS announced that its migration to the Moodle LMS timeline was on schedule, expecting that by the end of Summer 2011, all courses would be moved into the Moodle environment. It was also announced that FIU Online would not be moving forward with Moodle, but would instead implement Blackboard/Learn 9. See [ecampus.fiu.edu](http://ecampus.fiu.edu).

UTS also announced two new services: [elabs.fiu.edu](http://elabs.fiu.edu) and [uploads.fiu.edu](http://uploads.fiu.edu), for access to a virtual suite of applications (open to faculty, students and staff) and a large secure file transfer solution (open to faculty and staff only), respectively.

New committee chair (Marissa Ball) and secretary (Paula Matthusan) appointed

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED IN SPRING 2011 SEMESTER

At the request of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, the committee appointed two members as representatives on University committees on:

- Standardizing student response systems (clickers): Debra VanderMeer
- Standardizing web-based survey systems: Steve Bernstein



In collaboration with UTS, FSTC co-hosted FIU TechDay2011. The agenda included presentations from vendors, such as Apple, Atomic Learning, Dell, and enterprise Risk Management, as well as faculty members engaged with technology in the classroom.

The committee was also asked to hold a special meeting to discuss the current state of Learning Management Systems in the University. The Provost and Faculty Senate Chair requested that the committee provide feedback and observations to the CIO regarding the use, management, and experience with the dual LM systems- BlackBoard/Learn9 and Moodle. The group shared their

user experiences and also made recommendations: need for better PR, need to move in a direction that would benefit all stakeholders, need to ensure continued support and services for all stakeholders. The committee is awaiting further feedback from the Provost/CIO.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marissa Ball  
Chair, Faculty Senate Technology Committee, 2011