



Academic Technology Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING: 4/8/2022
Submitted Exec. Committee: _____
Submitted Academic Senate: _____

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: 05/06/2022
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ATC Members Present: Tomo Hattori (Chair), Soheil Boroushaki, Mauro Carassai, Ovande Furtado, Joel Krantz, Chris Sales, Nicole Shibata, Wayne Smith, Jeff Wiegley, and Jenn Wolfe; *Absent:* Paige Hajiloo, Mariano Loza Coll, Shayan Moshtael; *Permanent Guest:* Helen Heinrich; *Executive Secretary:* Ron Philip; *Recording Secretary:* Celene Valenzuela; *Guests:* Ryan Conlogue, Takiya Moore,

1. Announcements

- a. **ATC Chair for AY 2022/2023** – Tomo Hattori shared that nominations for the academic year 2022/2023 Chair will take place during the May meeting. Qualified members must have been a member of the committee this academic year. Chris Sales declared his candidacy.
- b. **Vice President for Information Technology & Chief Information Officer Search and Screen** – Wayne Smith provided an update on the search and screen for the Vice President for Information Technology & Chief Information Officer. Five finalist candidates were invited to campus to interview for the position during the week of April 4, 2022, with campus open forums held each day from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the March 4, 2022, meeting was approved.

3. Chair’s Report

- a. **Faculty Senate Update** – Tomo Hattori shared that at the Faculty Senate meeting held on April 7, 2022, President Beck shared the good news that COVID-19 positivity rates remain low, with an approximately 80% of classes happening in-person on campus . President Beck also shared that on-campus commencement ceremonies will be held from Friday, May 20, 2022, to Monday, May 23, 2022, with Honor’s Convocation on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Also shared was an update on the search and screen for the Vice President for Information Technology & Chief Information Officer. There was a conversation focusing on Assembly Bill 928 by Dan Weingarten, Chair, Educational Policies Committee and, Elizabeth Adams, AVP, Undergraduate Studies. Tomo Hattori shared that there was additional conversation focusing on two policy items presented by the Personnel, Planning, and Review Committee and the Educational Policies Committee. Ron Philip shared that there was also an announcement of CSUN President emerita, Jolene Koester, being appointed Interim Chancellor of the CSU by the CSU Board of Trustees.
- b. **ACAT Update** – Ron Philip shared that at the April 1, 2022, ACAT meeting there was an update on the Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI) as it relates to the 2021-22 ATI Annual Report and plan for the academic year 2021/2022. The ATI focuses on three primary areas; instructional materials (instructional documents, multimedia, Canvas courses, etc.), the procurement of anything that relates to information and communication technology (ICT), and the web as it relates to the CSUN web presence. Ron Philip added that there was an

update provided on the 'CSU Moving the Needle Challenge' in which 14 CSU campuses, including CSUN, are currently participating. Mention was also made on the recent decision brought forth by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District*, which requires that accessible materials become available at a reasonable time for all students.

4. VP/CIO's Report

- a. **IT Survey** – Ron Philip shared that the CSUN 2022 Information Technology Survey for students, faculty, and staff will be sent via email on April 11, 2022, and the surveys will run for three weeks. All committee members are strongly encouraged to promote participation. The survey results will help identify technology-related priorities to pursue and areas that will need prioritization.
- b. **JEDI Jam 2022** – Ron Philip shared that this year's Jam student competition focuses on Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) at CSUN as it relates to digital literacy. Student participants have been asked to focus on the following key areas of digital literacy, including:
 - Awareness – Making the best use of resources available at CSUN.
 - Communication and social connection – Creating a sense of belonging at CSUN.
 - Interconnectivity – Creating a digital mashup of two or more CSUN services to improve the student experience at CSUN.
 - Find and select information – Locating and evaluating digital resources at CSUN.
 - Creativity – Helping make CSUN's digital presence more engaging to members of our campus and the surrounding community.

Tomo Hattori shared that student winners could be invited to present their winning projects at a future meeting.

- c. **CSUN Digital Equity Day** – Ron Philip invited all to the first Digital Equity Day at CSUN on Friday, April 22, 2022. This will be a hybrid event. We will be honored to have President Beck who will present the opening remarks, and Autumn Fabricant, Doctoral Student and Academic Technology Equity Fellow, will present her research project titled *Digital Equity and Validation: Exploring the CSUCCESS Program and First-Year Student Experiences at CSUN*. There will also be presentations by faculty on Digital Equity in Teaching at CSUN, a presentation by the Diversity and Equity Innovation Grant (DEIG) students, and a JEDI Jam 2022 awards showcase.

5. Discussion Topics

- a. **Student Technology Requirements for Computer Science** – Tomo Hattori read the formal recommendation statement on student technology sent to Dr. Michael Neubauer, Faculty Senate President. Tomo Hattori asked for a review, feedback, and approval of the recommendation statement, noting that as a Senate Standing Committee, the Academic Technology Committee (ATC) is charged with making recommendations regarding CSUN resources and policy that pertain to instructional and research technology, including computing and instructional media development and services. There shall also be consultation and liaison with other appropriate Standing Committees. Tomo Hattori stated that this is the first step in addressing student technology requirements. This recommendation will also be shared with the Educational Policies Committee (EPC).

The committee approved the formal recommendation statement.

The Academic Technology Committee interprets the university's commitment to academic success as an equitable commitment to all students. As such, the committee supports student computing and instructional media development and services that are within reasonable access to all students.

6. **Policy** – None.

7. **New Business** – None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.