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Members Present: R. Amarasinghe (CSM), B. Auernheimer, M. Bach, A. Nambiar (JCAST), O. Leon (CIO), D. Drexler(Library), D. Nef, A. Iriberry (CSB), T. Siechert, (DISCOVERe)

Members Excused: M. Pronovost

Guest: B. Berrett (CFE), M. Tsai (Technology Services)

Meeting called to order at 1.00pm by A. Nambiar

1. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda of October 09, 2017
2. Minutes: MSC to approve Minutes of May 01 and September 11.
3. Communication and Announcements
 - a. B Auernheimer mentioned that here is an immersive learning day on Oct 26 at SDSU. M. Tsai and a faculty from CAH are planning to attend.
4. LMS FLC - B Hyatt
 - a. B Hyatt shared the charge for the FLC around LMS. There is one representative from each college on the FLC. The representatives are listed on CFE website. There is a wide variety of skills on the FLC - new users, power users, fully online, and fully face-to-face faculty.
 - b. In the Spring, each faculty is planning to use atleast one LMS as a pilot for a course.
 - c. B Auernheimer mentioned that it is important to know that the FLC is in active contact with the 3 vendors. He also shared that there is an option to post comments or questions pertaining to the LMS on the CFE website.

- d. B Hyatt mentioned that there is good representation in terms of way faculty teach in addition to different disciplines.
 - e. O Leon inquired about the criteria. B Hyatt mentioned that this is on the agenda for an upcoming meeting. There will probably be a better idea after that meeting.
 - f. O Leon mentioned that CSU came up with a comparison matrix after the RFP and inquired if FLC has access to it. B Auernheimer mentioned that the comparison matrix is not a public document.
 - g. B Berrett mentioned that there are other data points in this study. N Nisbett has completed a focus group with students. A survey went out to all faculty. A slightly modified version of the survey will go out to a subset of students. B Auernheimer is working with TS to set up meeting times for dialogs.
5. Technology Services – O Leon
- a. O Leon mentioned that the biggest initiatives are centered on student success. The idea is to come up with solutions to help faculty and students to help students graduate in time.
 - b. O Leon mentioned that there is a lot of effort on compliance related to financial aid and other things.
 - c. CalState and Amazon has partnered to provide \$2 million credit for CSU campuses. Any campus will be able to apply for up to \$50,000 per year in AWS credit. Proposals will be invited to see how it will advance the mission of the University.
 - d. CalState created a Chief Innovation Officer. Currently the CIO is doubling up as Chief Innovation Officer.
 - e. O Leon mentioned that M. Tsai and he have been working to develop innovative projects.
 - f. M Tsai mentioned that it has been one year since this initiative started. He mentioned that there are several projects such as IoT, entrepreneurship with Lyles, AI to develop ChatBots. O Leon mentioned that there has been interest from LCOE and CSB in this area.
 - g. O Leon mentioned that there will be a hackathon in Spring. Last year, there were more than 200 who applied but around 60 showed up.
 - h. R Amarasinghe mentioned about adaptive testing. Dept of Mathematics would be interested in adaptive testing.

- i. O Leon mentioned that there is a company called Pluralsoft which allows adaptive testing for 60 different categories.
6. Center for Faculty Excellence – B Berrett
 - a. B Berrett mentioned that the DISCOVERe proposals are being reviewed now.
 - b. B Berrett mentioned that there are numerous FLCs in which faculty can participate. The details are available on CFE website.
 - c. R Amarasinghe mentioned about availability of rooms. B Berrett mentioned that one could reach out to D. Ashton for classrooms.
 7. Computer Configuration
 - a. B Auernheimer shared the minimum recommendations for computers. AIT could take a look at this and make recommendation
 - b. B Berrett mentioned that PeopleSoft would be a place to inform students about this.
 - c. B Auernheimer mentioned that the syllabus template refers to a minimum specifications but there was no place to look for it.
 - d. O Leon inquired about specifications which may be hard to visualize for students.
 - e. B Auernheimer mentioned that some of the minimum specs might not be enough.
 - f. T Siechert inquired who would be responsible for maintaining this.
 - g. B Auernheimer mentioned that this committee used to review them and give a thumbs up or down.
 - h. O Leon suggested that this could be an annual thing where we pull out last year's spec and update if necessary.
 - i. B Auernheimer mentioned that TS might be a good place to point students to.
 - j. O Leon inquired if there is an issue with some of our students
 - k. T Siechert mentioned that CalPoly has different options for each college.
 - l. O Leon mentioned that M Pronovost and Chip could be good resources.
 - m. D Nef suggests that it might be better to have it recommended specifications instead of minimum specifications.
 6. Old Business - none

7. New Business - NONE

Adjourned at 2.00pm