

Annual Report of Faculty Senate IT Committee

Committee members were

Bill Barnes, UAF CTC (18)
Eric Collins, SFOS (17)
Stefanie Ickert-Bond, CNSM (18)
Art Nash, CES (18 - alternate)
Rorik Peterson, CEM (17)
Siri Tuttle, CLA (17) - Chair

Ex-Officio Members were

Dean's Council Rep: Fred Schlutt, CES
OIT: Martha Mason
eLearning: Chris Lott

The IT committee chair duties were split between Siri Tuttle (Convener and note-taker) and Rorik Peterson (AdCom attendance and reporting). Scheduling issues were the cause of this split.

The committee met six times during the academic year, in September, October, November, December, January and April. Convening the committee became especially problematic in spring semester due to time conflicts and illness. Topics considered by the committee, and informed by the ex officio members, included the following:

- Strategic Pathways and its potential impact on IT-related services and activities at UAF
- Questions regarding vendor choices for IT services that run UAF systems
- Feedback on network security tests (apparently official clickbait to catch the unwary) (Jeannette Okinczyc presented information on this process; follow-up recommended for next year after further testing)
- The work of the IT Council, shared with us by Martha Mason

The committee did not take action on any of these topics. It seemed to be difficult for all members to spend time away from the meetings on questions relating to the committee. We can think of numerous reasons why this would be so: for one thing, all members seemed to be over-committed and to have little time to spend on committee work. The splitting of chair duties undoubtedly caused part of the apathy, since it made it difficult to keep communication circulating. We won't mention the depressing atmosphere surrounding the University's funding and planning challenges.

The ex-officio members, by the way, cannot be blamed for committee apathy. They were extremely responsive and provided valuable information and context in all discussions.

We hope that next year's committee finds renewed energy to tackle this extremely important area.