Seton Hall University

Faculty Senate

Instructional Technology Committee Report –September 10

The committee met on August 31, 2021

Guest: Paul Fisher; Michael Taylor

Paul Fisher briefed the committee on discussions related to the current and future use of HyFlex.

* How we might leverage the technology we’ve invested in; how can HyFlex benefit us after COVID?
* How can we use HyFlex to enrich our studies?
* How is HyFlex currently used?
* HyFlex could be a way for students to continue and complete classes in emergency cases.
* Subsidiarity: the decisions regarding the use of HyFlex should be taken at the lowest competent level.
* Faculty and departments have the knowledge needed for decisions regarding student accommodations.
* The ability to offer accommodations depends on classroom and course characteristics

Note: IT submitted already a statement regarding the post-pandemic use of HyFlex

Mike Taylor (TLTR Faculty Chair) answered questions regarding the plans of TLTR (Teaching, Learning & Technology Roundtable)

* TLTR needs to be broadened to help build a community that is productive.
* TLTR should not to be just reactive; it should be the starting point for a future looking university. The expectation is to move toward a focus on innovation and big picture thinking.
* There are many units dealing with technology across campus. The goal is to bring all leadership together and find a way to work together synchronously. Sub-committees will be formed but these sub-committees will have some common themes. There is an expectation of a “launch” mid-October.

IT will work collaboratively with TLTR. One issue is mobile computing. A survey will help us assess if the more pressing issue is the hardware or issues of connectivity.

Respectfully submitted,

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