

Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) 2015-16 Annual Report

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ATAC Committee Members:

Kieran Ayton, Claire Creamer, Pamela Christman, Henk Sonder, Bin Yu, Sharon Hellmann, Nancy Oppenlander, Kyungsub Choi, Leonardo Pinheiro, Bonnie MacDonald, Marie Beardwood (proxy for Bonnie), Christina Tortolani, Kyle Jackson, Mimi Mumm, Paul Morris, Patrick Hurd

The co-chairs were: Kieran Ayton (Adams Library) and Claire Creamer (Nursing).

We also elected a Departmental Technology Liaison: Kieran Ayton (Adams Library)

ATAC Meeting Dates: October 21, 2015; December 2, 2015; February 23, 2016; April 14, 2016.

ATAC Activities, Actions, and Major Issues:

- ATAC received updates from Pam Christman and User Support Services on the following issues. ATAC faculty members also gave feedback on these items:
 - Office 365 Implementation
 - Kaltura
 - Customguide, which contains interactive training videos for students, faculty, and staff on Office 365 products.
 - Archiving Blackboard Courses
 - The ability to include students' photos on the printable roster in the MyRIC portal.
- Patrick Hurd, our student representative, communicated student concerns, including the difficulty in creating the complex email passwords that are required. Patrick also communicated a desire for a computer lab on campus to have Linux installed for Computer Science students.
- The Adams Library is working with Networking to use the college's LDAP authentication system for off campus access to library databases. Off campus access to library databases in the future will be using your RIC email username and password.
- ATAC completed preliminary planning for an October 2016 Technology Showcase. The topic will be using Office 365 for pedagogy and teaching. The anticipated date is Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 12:30pm to 2pm (during the free period) in Alger 110. The space has been booked.

Self-evaluation:

ATAC provided valuable feedback for User Support Services on Office 365, Kaltura, Blackboard, and the MyRIC Portal.

ATAC also spent a significant portion of time redesigning the Technology Showcase / Tech Pageant. This was originally a longer program with a keynote speaker and poster presentations

on a variety of tech topics. It was originally at the end of the spring semester. Low attendance was an issue. The new Technology Showcase will be shorter, more focused (only about using Office 365 for teaching), and take place at a time that more faculty will be able to attend (October 2016 during the free period).

Recommendations for the 2016-17 ATAC Committee:

ATAC should prepare and execute the October 2016 Technology Showcase on Office 365 for teaching. ATAC should continue to provide feedback to User Support Services on technology issues related to faculty. Additionally, ATAC should continue to solicit technology feedback from student representatives.

Respectfully Submitted,
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