University of Washington
Faculty Council on Educational Technology
Wednesday, December 12, 2007
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Kaminsky called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes
3. Chair's Announcements
    a. Welcome new members
    b. Plagiarism Report to Senate
4. Open Announcements
5. Old Business
    a. Mini-Conference on Plagiarism
    b. Webcams
    c. FCET Winter Schedule
6. New Business
7. News from Catalyst, Libraries, etc.

1. Agenda –Approved

2. November, 2007 Minutes – Approved

3. Chair's Announcements

- *Welcome new members*

    o Kaminsky welcomes new members Martin-Morris and Schmidt. Martin-Morris will serve on the council, pending Senate Executive Committee approval.

- *Plagiarism Report to Senate*

    o Kaminisky met with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, to report on the plagiarism detection pilot project. The Executive Committee was in general agreement that this pilot project would be important to establishing and recognizing the University's commitment to academic success, and that it should not be used or seen as a punishment to students.

    o Next steps include identifying faculty members, who would be interested in participating in the pilot program. Kaminsky asks the committee for assistance in identifying these people. Efthimiadis recommends contacting the writing centers and labs, and CLUE, which focus on tutorials assistance for students.

4. Open Announcements - None

5. Discussions (Old Business)

- *Mini-Conference on Plagiarism*

    o Continuing the discussion from the Senate report, Kaminsky notes that once interested faculty members are identified, a mini-conference on plagiarism and the pilot options will be held, to discuss student awareness and involvement in the project, as well as how to handle results of the test-program's reports, and how to measure progress and improvement in writing ability. Kaminsky emphasizes that interested faculty must first be identified, before the session can be held, and ideally ~1000 students would be needed to test.

    o Questions are raised regarding the level of [technical] support that would be provided to those testing the various programs [DocCop, Turnitin.com, and EVE2], when the pilot might expect to begin, and whether the tools would be made available on Catalyst. Kaminsky responds that one of the mini-conference goals would be to identify exactly what kind of support would be needed, and that ideally, if enough participants are identified during winter quarter, the project would begin in Spring 2008.

The committee discusses the possibility of making these tools/programs available through Catalyst or perhaps the Libraries website(s), along with supporting "citation assistance" documentation, tools and website links (for creating proper citations) available through either the Libraries website or OnTech.

- o Discussion begins regarding the need to get consistent information and tools into the hands of students and faculty. Schmidt offers to look for and bring in information on plagiarism that students currently receive upon arrival at the University.

- *Webcams*

   - o Kaminsky brings the committee up to date on past discussion, and shares a revised version of guidelines for proper use of webcams on campus. Wording within the definition has been changed, per the committee's suggestions.

   - o The committee discusses the most appropriate place for this recommendation to be housed. Catalyst websites, as well as current UW general computing and technical information sites are suggested. Efthimiadis notes that this text should be distinguished from any information already provided by Classroom Support Services (CSS), or other facilitators of web-cam enabled classrooms. Moy offers to contact CSS & UWTV to see what language and guidelines are currently in use.

- *FCET Winter 2008 Schedule*

   - o Several members of the committee indicate that they have unavoidable conflicts on some or many of the scheduled meeting dates for FCET in winter 2008. A quick poll of the attendees shows that 2:30pm or later on Thursdays will work for most. Kaminsky will work with the Faculty Senate Office to see if some or all of the meeting dates can be rescheduled.

6. **New Business - None**

7. **News from Catalyst, Libraries, etc. - None**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m. *Minutes by Alyssa Robbins, Administrative Assistant, Computing & Communications.*

Present: *Faculty members:* Conroy, Efthimiadis, Kaminsky
                 President's Designee: Moy
                 ASUW Representative: Schmidt
                 Ex-officio members: Deshazo, Minton
                 Guests: Martin-Morris

Absent: *Faculty members:* Andrews, Hollmann, Masuda
                 Ex-officio members: Maring, Young
                 Guests: Lane, Lewis