University Planning and Advisory Council (UPAC)
Standing Committee Report

Name of Standing Committee: Technology Committee
Date Report Submitted: 9/26/2012
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Academic Year: 2011-2012
Number of Meetings: 10

Members:
- Membership roster attached
- Terms in process of review
- Co-Chairs: Ted Curran & Daniel Grobani

Goals/Outcomes/Actions
List or Attach Work Plan for 2011-2012.

Committee Goals:
- Clarify the role of Tech Committee in the adoption of new technology at SMU
- Vet and produce the IT Strategic Plan
- Plan and produce a “Technology Town Hall”
- Increase committee member awareness of educational technology trends
- Increase committee attendance and engagement

Outcomes & Products
- The SMU Technology Strategic Plan (in process)
- Annual evaluation of progress toward meeting strategic objectives
- Communication to the SMU community about the current and future direction of technology at SMU, utilizing benchmark data and input from relevant stakeholders
- Report on new technologies and policies championed by the Technology Committee

Approved by UPAC
(Date Approved)
Accomplishments:

- Revised the Tech Committee charter and received approval by UPAC, clarifying the committee’s role at the university
- Instituted “EdTech Trends” talks at committee meetings to enhance member understanding of key issues
- Initiated planning for a Technology Town Hall to communicate developments in education technology to the SMU community
- Revised the New Technology Adoption Process and currently testing it
- Changed meeting times and made meeting activities more member-centered to encourage attendance and engagement

Challenges:

- Limited ability to influence departmental actions
- Limited member engagement
- More robust online collaboration space needed, as MySMU not serving committee needs

Goals/Outcomes/Actions: 2012-2013 Year

- The Committee will evaluate SMU's currency with education technology tools compared to its peer institutions using industry standard benchmarks like the Horizon Report. The Committee will make recommendations to enhance technology that will best impact student learning in the classroom and lab settings. (Addresses outcome #3).
- The Committee will focus on recommending technologies that will promote student-centered learning. (Addresses outcome #4)
- The Committee will advance the IT Strategic Plan periodically to ensure it is on track and update/revise the plan as necessary. (Addresses outcome #2)
- The Committee will communicate to the SMU community (via Town Hall) the progress of meeting the IT Strategic Plan and the Committee’s progress in advancing technology that will impact student learning outcomes. (Addresses outcome #4)