URI ETAC Meeting Notes

October 20, 2023

Recorded by: Mary Jane Palm

Attendance

- 1. ETAC Chair (23-25): Jim McGwin, Business, Adjunct Professor
- 2. Robert Coyne, Physics, Associate Teaching Professor
- 3. Nancy Eaton, Mathematics, Professor
- 4. Kevin Gray, IT TLS, Project Leader & Brightspace System Administrator
- 5. Allison Harper, Kinesiology, Teaching Professor
- 6. Sarah Larson, Nutrition & Food Sciences, Associate Teaching Professor
- 7. Christopher Lavan, ATL, Associate Vice Provost
- 8. Ian Lester, Pharmacy, Manager of Technology Services
- 9. Michelle Rogers, IT TLS, Director of IT Teaching and Learning Services
- 10. Ellen McGough, Physical Therapy, Professor
- 11. Kathy Peno, Education, Professor
- 12. Joannah Portman-Daley, ATL, Associate Director of Online Education and Instructional Technology
- 13. Mary Jane (Janie) Palm, IT TLS, Manager, Instructional Technology
- 14. Paige Ramsdell, Disability Services, Assistant Dean
- 15. Alicia Vaandering, Library, Assistant Professor
- 16. Jean-Yves Hervé, Computer Science, Associate Professor
 - Not in attendance: Karlis Kaugars, Stephen Kogut
 - NOTE: Italicized names indicate non-voting members

Follow Ups:

- Brightspace role updates (Guest Lecturer, Read Only) will be reviewed at the next scheduled ETAC meeting as a main agenda item.
- Establish a meeting schedule for the remainder of the academic year.

Decisions Made:

- Approve MatLab and Codon Brightspace Integrations
- Approve public sharing of Brightspace Awards
- Approve changing default Brightspace Notifications as follows
 - Announcements default On, users will need to opt out

All others will default Off, users will need to opt in

Assignment of Action Items (who will do the work?):

- Kevin: Connect with the current vendors to answer questions about how/until when students and faculty can export their data.
 - Add questions about this to Security and Needs Assessment
- Kevin: Set up monthly meetings. Meetings will be canceled if there are no agenda items that month.
- Kevin: Update Brightspace Integration site with the following information about each vendor
 - If student/faculty information is transmitted
 - If/for how long students and faculty may access work in that system
- Members: Email Kevin Gray with questions to add to Security and Needs Assessment

Other Notes:

- Conversation around the difference between Support Desk ticket types
 - o Incidents are for problems and issues in any system
 - Brightspace Change Request will initiate Change Management process. It is for requests to make changes to Brightspace settings or features.
 - ETAC members will share this information with their departments.
- Members with questions about InfoReady can submit Service Desk tickets to Mary Jane Palm (Janie).
- Conversation around electronic privacy & data ownership issues
 - The need to alert faculty and staff to be aware of these issues and include in class discussion.
 - What happens to the student data after their license to a third party system ends? Clarify for students how and when to retrieve their data.
- Recommendation that key texts in a field be purchased outright to allow for continued use.
- The request to add tagging for Brightspace Discussions will remain on HOLD pending a bug fix by the vendor, D2L, involving students with the same name in one course.