

April Meeting of the Technology Committee

The meeting did not have a quorum so no actions were considered. Updates on current issues related to the committee follow:

I Updated Motion on Copyright of Online Course Materials based on discussions with President Yeigh and SUNY Provost Carey Hatch...

Copyright Policy: The faculty and adjuncts of SUNYIT shall retain all rights to copyright and publish written works produced by them including including any ancillary work created for their course. The exception is a work for hire where faculty agree by contract to produce specific works that SUNYIT may have the right to publish without copyright or to copyright in its own name. The copyright forfeiture will be subject to contractual arrangements by SUNYIT for work in the course of which the writing was done. In the simplest terms: You own what you produce unless you knowingly give up your rights to the product.

Key Terms and Issues:

Work for Hire – When a work qualifies as a work for hire, the employer or commissioning party may be considered to be the author. Work for hire contracts must clearly note if the author is giving up ownership of copyright to their work. Work done by faculty outside the Scope of Employment either through contract, consultancy or purchase order may be considered work for hire.

Written works - Any copyrightable work. All intellectual creations are treated the same, regardless of how they are stored ... on a printed page, on videotape, on a computer, or on any other storage medium.

Format and Timing - Work is under copyright protection the moment it is created and fixed in a tangible form so that it is perceptible either directly or with the aid of a machine or device.

Rights and Responsibilities - Nothing in this policy precludes the University from requesting to use online materials developed by faculty members. SUNYIT shall accept responsibility and establish guidelines for protecting the rights of faculty members for materials stored on

resources owned by SUNYIT. Faculty understand that they must use online materials in an ethical and legal manner and that they have the responsibility for retaining copies of their work.

Faculty also support the clarifications and commentary noted in the UUP Memo, Intellectual Property, Software and Distance Learning, which is attached.

II Online accreditation issues:

From: Feinberg, Dan <Dan.Feinberg@suny.edu>
Date: Thu, Apr 21, 2011 at 9:20 AM
Subject: FW: Enforcement of State Authorization - Delayed until 2014
To: Instructional Designers Listserv <slnid@ls.suny.edu>

Forwarded from the Educause CIO Constituent Group:

The Department of Education issued a new "Dear Colleague" letter yesterday <<http://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN1111.html>> acknowledging "complaints from some institutions, or their representatives, that they are encountering challenges in seeking and obtaining State authorization for distance education programs". For this reason and others, "the Department will not initiate any action to establish repayment liabilities or limit student eligibility for distance education activities undertaken before July 1, 2014, so long as the institution is making good faith efforts to identify and obtain necessary State authorizations before that date." The letter then lists four items that would indicate a good faith effort:

- 1- Documentation that an institution is developing a distance education management process for tracking students¹ place of residence when engaged in distance education.
- 2- Documentation that an institution has contacted a State directly to discuss programs the institution is providing to students in that State to determine whether authorization is needed.
- 3- An application to a State, even if it is not yet approved.
- 4- Documentation from a State that an application is pending.

The letter includes this caveat: "The Department will review carefully instances where an institution may not be acting in good faith, such as where documents show an institution knew of a State requirement and willfully refused to comply with it."

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III. Update on technology issues from Kyle Johnson : Associate Provost for Information & Learning Resources:

DART

The Registrar's Office continues to scan student files. Hopefully we'll get through everything this summer so that we can roll out access to faculty advisers in the fall. The transfer articulation and degree audit software is more complicated. System is now planning to roll out the same system we had planned to purchase across all the schools. We will be working with system to understand how they plan to roll this out and how we need to be involved. I hope to have more information this fall.

Learning Commons

We had an interesting visit at Cortland and T3C last week. This week we're visiting Nazareth College in Rochester. We have an activity day planned with our architect and consultant to try and finalize space planning. I had an initial meeting with a furniture vendor today. Once we have finalized the space plan, the vendor will work with us on furniture design. We'll have some kind of furniture fair as time allows, and any faculty around for the summer are invited to participate. We'll order furniture in late May for installation in July. At this point we have limited funding, so we're going to have to do this work in phases.

Web site

Jean Desulme completed his senior thesis project developing a mobile web site for SUNYIT. Lynne Browne and I are looking into what it will take to move it into production and maintain it. Lynne and I are also investigating new content management options to replace the in-house developed system that we will no longer be maintaining. On a related note, we have been approved to fill the position soon to be vacated for a web developer, but the provost has informed me that we cannot start searching until after the current person leaves. That means we may face up to 3 months (or more) with little to no web support. This presents significant operational risk, and we are trying to determine how we can ameliorate the risk for the most critical parts of the web site.

Network

Pending funding, we are planning to do a major upgrade to the core network this summer. If funding is late, reduced, or unavailable, that plan will shift accordingly.

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schedule a meeting with me: <http://meetwith.me/kylejohnson>
