

Academic Technology Committee (ATC)
2008-2009 Annual Report to the
CSUN Faculty Senate
 Submitted by Ellis Godard

I. Membership

Magdy Rizk	College of Art, Media, & Communication
Ardavan Asef-Vaziri	College of Business & Economics
Ashley Skylar	College of Education
Gloria Melara	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Wei Cao	College of Health & Human Development
Sheena Malhotra	College of Humanities
Jacek Polewczak	College of Science & Mathematics
Ellis Godard, Chair	College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jeff Wiegley	Faculty Senate
Barry Cleveland	Faculty Senate
Kimberly Embleton	Library
Andrew Collard	Representative from Associated Students
Nicole Umali	Representative from Associated Students
Hilary J. Baker	(Non-voting; Executive Secretary)
David Levin	(Non-voting; Permanent Guest)
Jennifer De Iuliis	(Non-voting; Recording Secretary)

II. Meetings

Sep. 5, 2008	Feb. 6, 2009
Oct. 3, 2008	Mar. 6, 2009
Nov. 7, 2008	Apr. 3, 2009
Dec. 5, 2008	May 1, 2009

III. Policies and Resolutions

- On December 5, 2008, ATC passed a Resolution on Request for SSI within New Web Environment, unanimously. The availability of server-side includes within web design will allow the common use of parts of a web page, such as a header or footer. Having one file shared and replicated, rather than many more-or-less copied versions of that file, has benefits that include consistent information and display, efficient dissemination of new templates, and rapid response to new designs and directives.
- On December 5, 2008, ATC pass a Resolution on Consideration of Wait List Functionality of SOLAR, asking IT to investigate and explore implementation of an available feature set that would permit students to be wait listed rather than excluded from filled courses. Faculty and administrators (particularly those and the department and college levels) could benefit by measures of unmet student demand that are automated,

up-to-date, and actionable rather than anecdotal, estimated, or assumptive of past and future trends.

- On December 5, 2008, ATC passed a Resolution on Use of and Education Regarding ODF (Open Document Format, an open-standard, XML-based alternative to files typically circulated around campus such as in Microsoft or Adobe formats). Committee members approved friendly amendments at the Feb. 6, 2009 meeting, and, in several subsequent meetings, discussed methods of educating the university community about the constituent issues.

IV. Other Matters Discussed (see minutes, indexed by date, for full details)

- *Campus Quality Fee* – implementation (9/5/08)
- *Clicker* – assessment and vendor selection (9/5/08), recommendations (10/03/08 & 11/7/08), workshops (11/7/08)
- *Email* – for faculty (9/5/08, 3/6/09, & 5/1/09), spear phishing and ISP blocks (10/03/08 & 11/7/08), spam, Gmail for students (11/7/08)
- *Faculty Associates* (3/6/09)
- *LMS* – WebCT response times, evaluations (9/5/08), ActiveCampus (11/7/08, 12/5/08, & 3/6/09), Blackboard and Moodle demonstrations (3/6/09), vendor demonstrations on campus (3/6/09)
- *Information security* – policies from Chancellor’s office (9/5/08), updates (11/7/08 & 12/5/08)
- *IT governance* – ATC mission, role, & autonomy (9/5/08), technology survey (3/6/09)
- *Open document formats* – resolution (11/7/08, 12/5/08, & 3/6/09)
- *Portal/SOLAR* – load, permission numbers (9/5/08), wait list (10/3/08, 11/7/08, & 12/5/08)
- *Smart classrooms* – design (9/5/08, 3/6/09, 4/3/09, & 5/1/09), classroom technology survey (5/1/09)
- *Software* – Windows Vista (9/5/08), Second Life demo (5/1/09), support for 64-bit processors (3/6/09)
- *Support services* – kiosks (9/5/08)
- *Web architecture* – folder structure (9/5/08), infrastructure (3/6/09 & 4/3/09), environment (5/1/09)
- *Wireless* – authentication issues (9/5/08), infrastructure upgrades (10/03/08, 12/5/08, 4/3/09 & 5/1/09), connection problems (9/5/08 & 3/6/09)

V. Guest Presentations

- Chris Olsen – IT support kiosks, Vista review (9/5/08), information security policies/standards (11/7/08)
- Chris Reiser – ActiveCampus demonstration (12/5/08)
- Chris Xanthos – student Gmail, IT technology projects (11/7/08), web infrastructure (12/5/08 & 3/6/09)
- Diane Stephens – clicker selection (9/5/08), classroom technology survey (5/1/09)
- Eric Forbes – SOLAR and waitlist (10/03/08)

- Greg Nicols – spam and phishing update (11/7/08)
- Harry Hellenbrand, Provost – Campus Quality Fee (9/5/08), academic technology expenses & budget (4/3/09), faculty email (5/1/09)
- Steven Stepanek – ATC mission and role (9/5/08)

VI. Joint Meetings

- ATC met jointly with ERC Feb. 11, 2009.

VII. Pending Matters

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