



Ad Hoc Faculty Senate IT Committee Meeting

31 January 2024

9:00 AM, 1008B Center for Computation and Technology

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

Present: Param Singh (Chair), Gerry Knapp (Secretary), Thomas Douthat, Kenneth Lopata, Juana Moreno, Samuel Robison, Craig Woolley (Ex-officio), Sumit Jain (Ex-officio). Absent: Larry Smolinsky.

A regular meeting of the ad hoc FS IT committee convened at 9:00 am on Jan 31, 2024 in room 1008B of the Digital Media Center (Center for Computation and Technology) at the LSU campus, with the Chair and Secretary being present. There were no public comments. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted by majority vote following a motion by Lopata.

Chair Singh provided the following updates in his Chair's Update:

1. The joint survey on educational technology needs designed by Faculty Senate, ITS and Office of Academic Affairs is to be launched soon. Singh thanked all committee members who gave their inputs. In particular he thanked Robison, who is an expert on surveys, on giving extensive inputs.
2. FSEC discussed inputs from this committee in detail in its meeting on Jan 29. FSEC thanked the ad hoc FSIT committee for its valuable inputs on this important matter. In that meeting FSEC only discussed the licenses for faculty and staff and informed ITS that that acquisition of an enterprise license for Grammarly for faculty and staff is not part of the charge of the Faculty Senate which is not customarily involved in decisions regarding acquisition of individual software packages. Singh mentioned that the issue of student licenses was not discussed in FSEC meeting. Later Monday, President Bazayev and Singh attended an urgent meeting called by Office of Academic Affairs for further discussions on Grammarly in which the issue of student license came up and concerns were expressed by the Student Accountability Office. Singh and Woolley then confirmed points agreed on Grammarly license for faculty and staff without AI option at this stage.
3. It was noted that the ad hoc FSIT committee could potentially have a role in the student licenses for Grammarly decisions.

The committee reviewed PS-129 Physical Security, PS-129-ST-1 Physical Access Controls, and PS-129-ST-2 Facility Planning. Knapp moved to “approve PS-129 (Physical Security) and all its standard”, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am, following a motion by Robison, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerry Knapp, Secretary