

William Paterson University  
**Faculty Senate Technology Council Meeting**

**Present:** Ray Schwartz (Minutes), Patrick Ryan, Housen Maratouk, Gigi Mohamad, Faith Atte, Ashley Gerst, Chuanqian Zhang, Carrie Hong.

**Minutes**

Monday, September 26, 2022

Time: 12pm – 1pm

Location: Cheng Library, Paterson Room/Teams Meeting

- Senate Vice Chairperson Carrie Hong presented our charges for the academic year and alerted us to some of the guidelines for the Senate councils.
  - Minutes should be emailed within two weeks to Linda Ricupero.
  - Council members with three or more absences should be removed from a council.
- The Council elected Gigi Mohamad and Ray Schwartz as co-chairs.
- The Council decided that we would try to schedule very other meeting in-person.

**Discussion of Charges:**

1. Explore possible collaboration with other task forces, councils, and committees to identify and provide faculty with the resources for remote and in-person teaching and research, with the emphasis on open source and open educational resources.
2. Work with the Technology Across the Curriculum (TAC) Committee and the Library to expand faculty use of zero-cost materials, particularly in first year courses. Recommend to the administration what would accelerate such adoption among faculty.

The Council talked about open source tools as Jupyter Notebook and Pressbooks and resources for OER as [Openstax](#) and [OER Commons](#).

The Council talked about their ability to use zero-cost materials. Gigi Mohamad is a member of TAC and volunteered to set up a joint meeting between TAC and our Council.

3. Work with the IRT regarding transition to Blackboard Ultra and training sessions.

Housen from IRT announced the new Blackboard Ultra Institute will run from Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 7, and our second offering will run from Monday, October 24 through Friday, October 28. All faculty are welcome, but space is limited and registration is required. So please click on the following link to register to join us for either of those weeks:

[https://wpunj.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8oaCvzIeFknlW3c](https://wpunj.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8oaCvzIeFknlW3c)

4. Work with the TAC to incorporate the TAC Lightning Round Initiative into the What Works conference in December 2022.

To give the Council an idea what is the Initiative, Patrick mentioned that there are recordings of the previous rounds on YuJa. Here are the video links from the last two Lightning Round Initiative

- From February 2018.  
<https://wpunj.yuja.com/P/VideoManagement/MediaLibrary/InstitutionPrivateChannel/AllInstructors/276d0aaf-86b7-48e4-a2ae-da17252f2a17/WatchVideo/4413467>
  - From March 2021  
<https://wpunj.yuja.com/P/VideoManagement/MediaLibrary/search/WatchVideo/10081719>
5. Promote the use of existing 3D printing and other Immersive Technologies in teaching and learning.

Patrick Ryan mentioned that IRT just received a grant. They will be purchasing new equipment such as a 3D laser cutter. The Art department's 3D laser cutter is not operational per Chris Weber.

6. Investigate use of AI in higher education and report on implementation ideas for WP.

Gigi Mohamad volunteered to lead this project and asked the other Council members to send a few pertinent articles to her.

- Motion to adjourn at 12:43.
- **Action Items**
  - Gigi will contact TAC about organizing a meeting together.
  - Council members will send Gigi about 5 pertinent articles to her concerning AI in higher education.
  - Ray will schedule the next meeting for late October.