

Western Oregon University
Academic Infrastructure Committee – Historical Overview

Spring 2004 – Initial Faculty Senate Proposal to Reorganize the “Academic Information Services Committee” into the Academic Infrastructure Committee

Academic infrastructure was defined to include:

- (1) space (faculty offices, lecture rooms, labs, studios, activity rooms),
- (2) information (traditional media, digital media),
- (3) hardware (computer-based, non-computer based – lab equipment, instrumentation, studio / tools, “implements of instruction”)
- (4) academic software (multimedia tools, specialty software, office software).

The Academic Infrastructure Committee Charge:

- (a) meets on a regular monthly basis during the academic year;
- (b) serves as a communication conduit between faculty / divisions and administrative / service units;
- (c) reviews administrative / service unit policies, provides guidance and feedback;
- (d) drafts faculty position statements related to policies and practices;
- (e) convenes special problem solving sessions as needed;
- (f) plans and proposes initiatives to administrative / service units;
- (g) participates in development of academic infrastructure plans and funding strategies;
- (h) provides input on budget decisions related to academic infrastructure;
- (i) provides oversight to ensure that issues are addressed and final actions implemented; and
- (j) notifies and advises faculty senate on matters regarding academic infrastructure.

AIC Evolution:

- 2005-2008 Consultation, proposal development, “wish lists”: Smartroom / smart-lab plans, Wireless technology, student computer lab installations, software updates, purchase recommendations
- Spring 2007 WOU Technology Summit: Faculty-Staff-Administrators from across campus; strategic planning and vision statements, community building.
- 2008 – 2017 Opportunity funding, “AIC proposal process”, ~\$200,000 per year, mini-grants, on-campus grants process.
- Spring 2018 Adaptation of AIC into the Academic Technology and Resources Committee (ATRC); Realignment with the WOU Strategic Plan “Forward Together” in response to NWCCU accreditation recommendations.