

**Academic Technology and Resources Committee
Year-End Report 2018-2019 AY**

I. Committee Members

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Steve Taylor, Chair

Creative Arts OPEN

Social Science Mike McGlade

Behavioral Science Alicia Ibaraki

Computer Science OPEN

Business OPEN

Humanities OPEN

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Education and Leadership Alicia Wenzel

Health and Exercise Science Warren Allen

Deaf and Professional Studies Fran Ni

LIBRARY

Library Tracy Sharn

UNIVERSITY COMPUTING

UCS Bill Kernan

Committee Participation Ratio: 8 / 12 = 67%

II. Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Place
Oct. 16	3:30 PM	Old College of Education Building ED137 "Conference Room"
Nov 20	3:30 PM	Old College of Education Building ED137 "Conference Room"
Dec 18		Winter Break – No Meeting
Jan. 15	3:30 PM	NS105
Feb. 19	3:30 PM	NS105
Mar. 19		Winter Term Finals Week Meeting TBD
Apr 16	3:30 PM	NS105
May 21	3:30 PM	NS105
June 18		Summer Intersession Break – No Meeting

III. Committee Highlights / Bullet Summary

- Bill Kernan, UCS Director, provided monthly reports and updates on a wide variety of topics including cyber security, smartroom installations, hardware upgrades, and conversion from Windows 7 to Windows 10 in the coming year.
- Steve Taylor, ATRC / UTAC member, provided monthly reports and updates on UTAC activities including organizational structure, LMS / Moodle review process, development of campus technology plan, and other related committee activities.
- In Fall term 2019, ATRC sent a formal request to faculty senate executive committee to inquire about continuation of the old "AIC Opportunity" funding model. A request was sent to faculty senate president to inquire with WOU President and Provost regarding the status of the former grants request program. Several emails were exchanged, no response was received back from administration regarding the prospects of continuing the "AIC Opportunity" grant model, it is assumed that this activity is now part of the UBAC process, and the grant program no longer part of the AIC charge.
- The committee has a large number of membership openings that were not filled in 2018-2019, after repeated attempts of staffing the committee, many division positions were left open. It is recommended that faculty senate executive committee work towards re-invigorating committee membership, so that it can function and move forward. Participation from Divisions will be needed for ATRC to advance forward.

- Several ATRC committee members worked on a draft campus technology survey to be distributed to faculty in the academic areas. The survey is intended to be broad based and inquiring about technology needs with respect to academics, learning, service and research in the faculty ranks. See attached for draft 1 of the survey questions. The committee decided at the end of the year to pass this task off to UTAC, for a more centralized and uniform approach to developing a survey instrument, similar to the process used for the LMS survey this past year. The committee compiled some examples of other university technology surveys for use as a model of best practices. Taylor will take this topic the UTAC as an agenda item for consideration when fall classes resume in 2019-2020 AY.

IV. Recommendations

The lack of division support with committee representation and lack of response concerning continuation of the former AIC grant program was disheartening. ATRC spent the 2018-2019 AY searching for a purpose. It is noted that the year was associated with shifting organizational procedures as UBAC and UTAC committees were developed and formalized. ATRC concluded the year questioning whether UBAC and UTAC charges overshadowed ATRC objectives, and questioned whether the committee should be disbanded? Further discussion with faculty senate president suggests that additional organization and focus of ATRC is needed for 2019-2020. Faculty Senate president also emphasized that this committee represents an important faculty voice from the academic trenches, that is not possible through the UBAC and UTAC processes, which have much broader-based representation from the campus community.

We recommend that faculty senate executive committee review the ATRC charge, and develop some explicit, renewed objectives for the 2019-2020 AY, that dovetail with the work of UBAC and UTAC. Also, we recommend a campaign for faculty senate executive committee to demonstrate the importance of ATRC to the faculty body, and increase representation from the divisional units. More robust committee membership and support by the faculty / divisions are going to be needed for ATRC to make a significant difference to the technology and related infrastructure at WOU.