

University Committee

Minutes for Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, via Teams

Present: Patricia Terry, Aaron Weinschenk, Joan Groessl, Dan Kallgren, Heidi Sherman, Devin Bickner, Jon Shelton, Virginia Englebert, Kim Mezger

Guests: Kate Burns, Michael Alexander, Wendy Woodward, Steve Meyer

Call to order at 3:01

1. Discussion on new CATL director (Alexander)
  - a. "Digital transformation"
    - i. Goals are to improve student success, research, streamline administration, etc., with IT and CATL working together, and not for IT to drive mission of institution.
    - ii. GB is behind on technology (e.g., navigate and digital forms.)
    - iii. Hopes to ease workload issue with the position, which was a major problem.
  - b. Will hire a highly qualified faculty teacher who excels at instruction, and is in tune with IT, not simply an IT-focused person.
  - c. Position is a 12-month appointment that can teach on faculty, is an administrative appointment, and will now report to both Associate Provost and CIO.
  - d. Will have two people (both academic staff), one of which is a new line, reporting to the CATL director (one more IT-minded, one more traditional.)
  - e. There will be faculty presence on the search committee.
  - f. Feedback was sought from several sources, including external input.
  - g. There are some DE funds that will be available for help with the transition.
  - h. Position description coming out "soon."
2. COVID (Alexander)
  - a. Considering allowing 1-week transitions to alternative modality at the discretion of individual faculty members. Details to be worked out this week.
  - b. Wants some kind of reporting system to protect university, faculty, and staff from people who might abuse the option.
  - c. Details should be ready for review within a week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Devin Bickner