

**Faculty Senate Committee on Technology**  
**Minutes**  
**10/19/2010 – Calvin Hall 301, 3:30 PM**

Attending: Bormann, Brooks-Kieffer, Crawford, Grinter, Keen, Knackendoffel, Molidor, Ok, Raine, Rintoul (Chair), Willbrant, Wyss

Guests: Ken Stafford, Lindsay Chapman, Michael Wesch

- 1) Minutes from October 5, 2010 approved.
- 2) Discussion of iTunes University (pros and cons) with Mike Wesch (Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work) and Lindsay Chapman (Office of General Counsel)
  - a. Pros – important for university to take advantage of all venues; iTunes has a lot of viewers worldwide; frustrating that iTunes doesn't allow linking or embedding, and YouTube doesn't have podcasts; copyright issue fears are overblown; faculty members need to learn more about copyright and fair use; K-State Online can't match the viewership of iTunes, even if it is made available to those w/o a KSU eID; iTunes is the hub of an online universe and we need a presence there.
  - b. Cons – Resources to train faculty members or vet content not readily available; can explore system used by University of Virginia where faculty members are aided by trained assistants; logo/trademark control is ceded to Apple under the current contract, but it is not clear that Apple has ever used this part of the agreement to the detriment of a college or university. Nevertheless this raises some concerns; copyright infringement suits would bypass faculty members to sue the university. The University General Counsel's office advised that the current iTunes U contract is unacceptable from a legal standpoint.
  - c. How to proceed – determine costs of copyright education or assistance, try to determine how many faculty members are likely to use this venue, get details of the contract with Apple, get a better idea of costs and benefits (for the university).
- 3) Discussion of e-Portfolio initiative – as before, this does not seem to be a technology question. Issues of privacy, voluntary vs. required, uses (Students? Faculty T/P, annual reports?), desired functionality (Can this be used for generating reports? etc.) need to be addressed prior to any decision on implementation.
- 4) Other task forces and initiatives
  - a. K-State Online – members wanted. Interested folks from all caucuses will be encouraged to volunteer by sending their name to Rob Caffey. Rintoul will circulate the information about what responsibilities this committee will have.
  - b. iSIS steering committee – will this become a more general IT enterprise-level steering/advice committee?
- 5) Update on efforts to get faculty electronic access to grant accounting information
  - a. Can we do this? – Willbrant indicated that this should be no problem, faculty members will need some training and her office can provide that.
  - b. Other considerations – People with access to the system will have access to all accounts (excluding Foundation accounts). Under the current implementation, access is not limited to specific accounts. Currently all the accountants in all departments and colleges have this sort of access. The online information does not include names of personnel or other information from HR, and it is all subject to public access via the Freedom of Information Act.
  - c. Questions – Will this be useful, or is it too much or too little information to benefit an individual faculty member? Will deans or other administrators have concerns about the level of access to all accounts?
  - d. How to proceed – pilot project to allow a few faculty members from various colleges (A&S, Agriculture, Engineering, Veterinary Medicine) to get the training and report on the usefulness (or not) of having this opportunity.