

**Kansas State University Faculty Senate  
Committee on Technology  
Minutes**

**November 6, 2018 3:30 pm, BB-3094**

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- 1.) McCornack called the meeting to order
- 2.) Agenda was approved by committee
- 3.) Minutes from October meeting were approved
- 4.) Introduction of the Samsung Flip – iTAC Staff
  - a. iTAC recently invested in 8 new Samsung Flip systems that are currently available on campus, and one unit was demoed to the committee. iTAC provided a brief overview of the technology, including iTAC responsibilities and support that is available for it. This system was demoed last spring before the Hale fire. iTAC noted that this technology is better for larger, more collaborative spaces. Other features include a digital whiteboard, which connects with a computer and Samsung phone; however, iPhones are not supported currently. iTAC is currently testing this technology for potential expansion as part of the Hale recovery plan. In general, students want whiteboards and the plan is to put Samsung Flips into the renovated library. Discussed life span and related system components. Portability was discussed as an advantage, but concerns about misuse/abuse were also mentioned.
- 5.) Availability of technology service and study spaces post hale fire – Rebecca Gould, Director, iTAC
  - a. iTAC spent the summer figuring out where students congregate. A majority of students go to the union. Survey responses to date focus on locations that can be open 24 hours for finals. This is a particular concern around finals week. There is a video (<http://www.k-state.edu/its/recovery/service-locations.html>) highlighting service centers, and faculty are encouraged to get the word out. Suggestions to improve the video were made, but combining the video with a longer PDF would be useful for inclusion in Canvas course materials. Gould mentioned several times that the Student Union has been extremely cooperative and seamless in taking on the library needs.
- 6.) Update on Technology in Classrooms – Rebecca Gould, Director, iTAC
  - a. General overview of how tech in existing classrooms is renovated and supported using fee structure, which started with Beth Unger—there are 139 total classrooms to date. A committee used to meet the first Wednesday of each month but then stopped meeting some time ago. Winter and summer breaks are usually the easiest times to make changes to classrooms. Faculty survey was conducted in 2017 with a follow up student survey in 2018 to address tech and software needs. Longer-term goal is to build a prototype room to test new technologies, classroom configurations, etc. The challenges of maintaining tech-heavy classrooms include cost associated with upgrading components.
  - b. Informational item: <https://www.k-state.edu/policies/ppm/3400/3470.html>
- 7.) Joint meeting with Classroom Committee, FSCOUP, and FSCOT
  - a. Agenda was discussed and will be distributed to FSCOUP and FSCOT.
- 8.) Information and Communication Technology Accessibility Strategic Plan -- Brian
  - a. This topic was tabled for a future meeting due to time constraints.

- b. Informational item: <http://public.online.k-state.edu/accessibility/index.html>
- 9.) IT Strategic plan – Gary Pratt, CIO
  - a. Current draft is with extended IT and directors but will be presented to entire campus. With regards to next steps, top priority is infrastructure, especially post fire at Hale. Cloud-based services are being explored first, especially as it pertains to the K-State data centers. Gould explained that this is an iterative process; plan is to start with HRS with other ERPs to follow. Hale basement will be empty space and the iTAC staff will occupy it along with client-based services and instructional tech. Room 212 will go back to the students.
- 10.) Shared governance – Gary Pratt, CIO
  - a. This topic was tabled for a future meeting due to time constraints.
- 11.) Next Meeting – December 4, 2018, 3:30, BB-3094
- 12.) Meeting was adjourned by McCornack