Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT)
Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2024
11:00 am-12:15 pm
https://csulb.zoom.us/j/86451528823
Meeting ID: 864 5152 8823

1) Call to order & approval of Agenda – M/S/P
2) Approval of Minutes from meeting of 05.07.2024 – M/S/P
3) Announcements
    a) Horn Center has changed their hours – see webpage.
    b) Classroom support services is now reservation and lockers only – see webpage
    c) ATS has a number of workshops this semester – see webpage
4) New Business
    a) Matt Karnofel discussed changes in classrooms/labs that took place this Summer 2024
        i) This includes a new requirement that faculty sign into their accounts to begin their classroom computer session.
        ii) A Guest Account is available for those who do not have their login information.
        iii) The time to screen-lock has been extended.
5) Old Business
    a) Dennis LuPresto continued to lead our conversation about the ISPACE and how faculty can get their classes involved.
        i) Faculty are welcome to schedule a tour with students to learn more about the potential immersive experiences that can be shared in real time.
        ii) Students can create their own, personal projects in the podcasting studio
    b) Alexis Pavenick and Shariq Ahmed standing report on AI Steering Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings, if available
        i) AI for Teaching and Learning
        ii) AI Steering Committee Academic Subcommittee
            (1) Please email questions or ideas for this committee to Shariq or Alexis
    c) Follow-up regarding ChatBots/AI Technology
        i) For your information: Proposed California Laws
            (1) SB-1047 Safe and Secure Innovation for Frontier Artificial Intelligence Models Act
            (2) AB-3211 California Digital Content Provenance Standards
        ii) For your information: X image makers without barriers
        iii) OpenAI offers educational license – is this equivalent to our Copilot?
            (1) https://openai.com/index/introducing-chatgpt-edu/; this new version is part of a collaboration with Arizona State. Bryon Jackson is learning more about this from MS and will report back.
    d) Discussed AI Technologies on Campus:
        i) Discussing AI Integration and Tool Implementation
            (1) Bryon noted the development of the "virtual assistant" for Canvas courses is in testing phase; potential Canvas implementation forthcoming.
                (a) See FACT Minutes from 2023-2024 for details.

     (i) Bryon and Shariq agreed to get FACT a demo, if possible.
    (b) IT now has Video calling for support.
     (i) Video calls with IT support team protects individual account security
    (c) Ongoing discussions with Microsoft and the Chancellor's office on AI tools.
     (i) CSU system collaboration on tool implementation and purchase decisions.
  ii) Microsoft Copilot Licensing and Usage Discussion
   (1) Alexis and Bryon discussed Microsoft's Copilot's inclusion in the campus-wide licensing agreement.
    (a) MS Copilot is not free; it is part of the MS/CSULB campus agreement.
    (b) Built on Chat GPT 4o, CSULB's version does not save conversations and does not incorporate questions or answers in the public Copilot corpus.
    (c) If CSULB faculty/students/staff use an AI chatbot, FACT recommends CSULB's Copilot for safety.
  iii) Chatbot searching vs. Academic Databases
   (1) Alexis discussed using AI chatbots to search for peer-reviewed articles
    (a) Gave overview of limitations and copyright issues
     (i) AI academic search bot Perplexity in lawsuit with *Forbes Magazine* over copyright
    (b) Brian noted potential for AI tools to hallucinate results; Bryon and Alexis assured CSULB Library's catalog OneSearch would not.
     (i) Bryon and Alexis suggested that students, faculty, and staff use CSULB University Library resources for safety and reliability
     (ii) Alexis noted that students and faculty should contact their CSULB Librarian for instruction in using the databases and interlibrary loan.
 e) Alexis announced her Sabbatical from March 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025.
  i) There will be a need for temporary chairperson.