

Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT)

Minutes

Tuesday, December 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 11.05.2024 - M/S/P
- 3) Announcements
- 4) New Business
 - a) Renaud Berlemont will take over as Chair of FACT for March and May 2025 while Alexis Pavenick is on Sabbatical.
 - i) **ACTION:** Alexis will email Renaud a brief summary of tasks
 - b) Steve Adams reported on the forthcoming 1-Unit AI Literacy and Skills Course and offer information to share - EDP 490:
<https://www.instagram.com/p/DC2iv80lCdU/>
 - i) Roger Strang ID from ATS is Lead
 - (1) Being a better user of AI - to support learning and consider ethical issues
 - (2) Special Topic at the moment, but with a view to propose a permanent course
 - ii) Flyer to circulate for the course will be posted on the CSULB AI Website
 - iii) Discussion ensued about Computer Literacy as a potential to come before AI Literacy
 - (1) Can potentially do one without the other.
 - (2) Discussion ensued about Computer literacy/MS Office tools
 - (3) Some classes are offered in this & there is 1 Unit course in CED:
http://catalog.csulb.edu/preview_course_nopop.php?catoid=5&coid=41533
 - c) Dave Scozzaro presented on the second phase of the AI survey
 - i) Review of the last survey
 - ii) Description of some updates and adds to the new survey
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Alexis and Shariq standing report on AI Steering Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings, if available
 - i) Dave presented on the survey as he did in this meeting; feedback is welcome
 - ii) Best practices are being developed for faculty and instructional technologies
 - iii) [CSULB AI website has been updated and continues to be updated](#)
 - (1) [Ethical Considerations page](#)

- iv) Suggestion to create a faculty-only forum to discuss teaching in the current AI climate
 - (1) Could be in Teams or in Canvas
 - (2) Potentially offer after the Spring 2025 AI Symposium if it is scheduled
- a) Follow-up regarding ChatBots/AI Technology
 - i) Alexis described her experience with Google's Notebook LM
 - (1) She gave mixed reviews on the challenges of the interface and the value of querying multiple documents at once.
 - (2) Steve added that he had found useful ways to use the Podcast output of the software
 - ii) Alexis noted that website bots like Elicit and Perplexity help people do research when they do not have access to a University/College Library. But people will have to pay for articles if they are not Open Access.
 - (1) She suggested we remind students that our Library is a hugely better resource that their tuition pays for access to and that they should use the Library while they are enrolled.