Faculty Senate Informational Technology Committee Progress Report
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As Chair of the Informational Technology Committee, Senator Smith attended a meeting of the University Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC), which includes faculty representatives from each college. As the new CIO of Information Technology at EKU, Dean Betina Gardner wants to support teaching and learning at EKU and be accountable to faculty and students who use technology for teaching and learning. ATAC met October 27 in a facilitated discussion to provide feedback to Dean Gardner on faculty technology experiences, both positive and negative, at EKU. Specifically, feedback was gathered on faculty experiences using technology to prepare for and teach classes and also to do research and service activities. Topics covered included educational technology, faculty laptops, and desktop support. Senator Smith will continue to attend these meetings to bring feedback and recommendations from Faculty Senate and to report back to the Senate on IT initiatives and progress.

In its October and November meetings, the Faculty Senate Informational Technology Committee refined their charges for 2015-2016 and determined a timeline of activities to address each of them. A more detailed report will be presented at the December Faculty Senate Meeting.

Committee charges for 2015-2016:

○ Investigate the current status of faculty development and technology support for instruction (including but not limited to Blackboard, 24/7 student and faculty support, computer applications...) and make appropriate recommendations.

○ Survey faculty to identify technology training needs and work with IT to provide them.

○ Investigate technology issues related to effective teaching and learning.