2014—2015 Report from the Senate Committee on Information Technology and Media Services

During the 2014—2015 Academic Year, the IT&Media Committee discussed a variety of IT related issues. No specific tasks were given the committee from the Senate during this academic year. The IT&Media committee has some ongoing annual items, such as reviewing and providing feedback on Computer Services portfolio of IT Projects as it related to the 2010 Strategic IT Plan. Additionally, the ex officio members of the committee brought a variety of items to the committee for faculty input (e.g., the Blackboard migration plan, Portal upgrade project, instructional support for e-learning, among others). A sampling of IT&Media Committee work for the year includes the following:

October 14, 2014
- Every Fall, the IT&Media Committee provides input into Computer Services portfolio of IT projects. The 2010 Strategic IT Plan calls for this review. The project portfolio specifically concerns large-scale, institutional IT projects. Bob Heinrich briefed the committee on the IT strategic plan and associated project portfolio, which the committee discussed and provided feedback.
- Bob Heinrich briefed the committee on the need to replace EOS, the current Content Management System, and the steps underway to identify and select its replacement. Details of the Needs Assessment were presented and discussed.

November 12, 2014
- Susan Davenport provided an overview of the Office of E-Learning's instructional support for faculty, including online training for faculty, as well as other resources. The committee discussed and provided feedback on these.

November 20, 2014
- Several members of the IT&Media Committee met with external IT consultants, who were visiting campus to conduct a review of computer services.

April 7, 2015
- Committee viewed a demonstration of the electronic faculty evaluation system currently under development by computer services, and currently being phased in as an eventual replacement for the old paper-based system (i.e., replacing the heavy milk crates). System was used in 2013-2014 for all first year tenure-track faculty evaluations, and was used in 2014-2015 for all first and second year, tenure-track and XIII-D evaluations. Scope is continuing to expand as relevant functionality is implemented. Also discussed survey conducted of users (faculty under evaluation, PRC and FRC members).
- Bob Heinrich updated the IT&Media Committee on the migration plan for Blackboard—moving to a hosted platform (http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=277&pageID=49)
- Bob Heinrich updated the IT&Media committee on the Portal upgrade plan. Manish Madan agreed to participate as the IT&Media representative on the Portal committee.