

University Information Technology Committee Minutes

Monday, 02-27-2023

9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://ufl.zoom.us/my/cacim/>

Present: Ray Issa, Charles Widmer, Mark McCallister, Megan Leroy, Juan Claudio Nino, Rafael Munoz-Carpena, PJ Brucat, Paul Wassel, Stacey Ewing, Randell Doty, Caleb Huo, Herbert Lowe, Nico Cellinese, Ryan Yang, Alyssa Tavormina, Altor Gallastegui, and Darius Brown.

1. Call to order & Introductions – Raymond Issa, Chair, University Information Technology Committee
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Raymond Issa, Chair, University Information Technology Committee

2. Approval of 30 January 2023 Minutes
 - A motion was made by Juan Claudio Nino and seconded by Rafael Munoz-Carpena to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Administrative Liaison Report – Mark McCallister, Director of Academic Technology
 - Lab Archives – Electronic Lab Research Notebook – College of Medicine
 - On the IT.UFL.EDU Website, under Resources at the top, Researchers Resources (<https://it.ufl.edu/resources/researcher-resources/>)
 - Instruction module not licensed
 - Also at this site is the Overleaf product – it is an online LaTeX editor for rendering of mathematical equations and other uses
 - New Travel Software -Concur is being tested for potential use at UF
 - Addon to Zoom for translation to other languages in captions is functional
 - Captions will be in your language
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 - Is the objective to incorporate AI into teaching still alive?
 - Is HyperGator providing resources for this objective?
 - A request for guidance to instructors for gaining GPUs for teaching was made. Are there policies/procedures established to gain access to AI for teaching. Administering an AI account for a class where students turn in projects is unclear.

4. Areas of Emphasis for AY2022-23
 - Generative AI.
 - A working group on AI such as ChatGPT and ethics would be helpful.
 - Is AI use allowed? Is it banned for certain topics?
 - Guidelines on the use of AI would help faculty embrace it rather than ban it.
 - Plagiarism using AI is a concern. You cannot cite AI as a source. There is no URL for it or other ways to document the source.
 - Available report on this topic (ChatGPT):
<https://er.educause.edu/articles/2023/2/educause-quickpoll-results-did-chatgpt-write-this-report>
 - From the student perspective, what is the appropriate use of AI.
 - Should there be a faculty training module that must be taken as a part of UF employment to address these issues regarding AI and education?
 - Journalism is using AI and there needs to be some training for students and faculty.
 - Source checking or validating data from Chat GPT is required and should be emphasized that the statements generated are valid.
 - Syllabi should include guidance on what is and is not acceptable to use in a class as an AI resource.
5. Other Business
 - Need training for faculty for such programs as Python and other resources so that they can use AI software.
6. Adjournment
 - The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by University Information Technology Committee Member Charles Widmer.