LISC Report for March 9th, 2022 Senate Meeting

LISC last met on March 7th, 2022. We approved minutes from the February 4th meeting and received updates from the Dean of Libraries, CIO, Aviva Bower, ITLAL representative, and Lindsay Van Berkom, LISC Chair.

The Chair's Updates:
- SEC provided input to Provost for consideration on mask mandate removal before changes were announced
- SEC also met with search firm to provide feedback for profile for Dean of College of Engineering
- Open Access Policy Committee will continue to keep an open line of communication with LISC

Updates from the Dean of Libraries (Rebecca Mugridge):
- **Anna Radkowski-Lee Graduate Assistantship.** The Libraries are considering proposals for this position, and once we select the two successful proposals, we will be recruiting for two graduate assistants for the 2022/2023 year; these include both a stipend and in-state tuition.
- **Collections update.** The Libraries have completed a contract for the digital New York Times, and we will be announcing that this week. It will be available for all faculty, staff, and students at UAlbany, including remote access.
- **Elsevier update.** SUNY has renewed the Elsevier contract for another three years on basically the same terms as we have now.
- **Scholarly Communication activities:**
  - The Libraries hosted Love Data week, where we held three workshops:
    - Research Data Management: Tools and Tips
    - Introduction to Tableau for Data Visualizations
    - Data Cleaning and Management Using Python
  - Open Education Week, March 7-11
    - **Take an Online Workshop**: The Libraries, in partnership with Educational Technology Services, are offering a 4-week, self-paced course on Blackboard for instructors who wish to learn more about locating, evaluating, and using OERs in their instruction. The course runs March 7- April 3, 2022. Interested faculty may register in advance.

Report from ITS (Brian Heaton)
- **Blackboard is next on the list of applications to require Duo multi-factor authentication.** This is planned to take effect on 3/16.
- **LMS migration plan**
  - UAlbany is migrating from Blackboard to Brightspace
  - Campus communication about the project will begin later this month
  - Fall 2022 – Planning phase; still on Blackboard but readying for pilot phase with training, demo/info sessions, and focus groups.
  - Spring 2023 – Pilot phase; last semester with most courses still on Blackboard with small set of pilot courses hosted on Brightspace; training, demo, focus groups continue.
  - Summer 2023 – ALL courses hosted on Brightspace; none on Blackboard; training, demo, focus groups continue.

- o December 2023 – Blackboard contract terminates.
- ITS is replacing 110 aging, student-use computers in the Science Library beginning this summer. Supply chain issues could cause some work to extend into the fall; unclear at this point.
- Kyle Pulliam is retiring in early April.
    - o Kyle manages the Field Support Group in ITS.
    - o A search will be conducted to refill that position.
- Spencer Bruce was selected for the manager of Research Technology Services in ITS through the internal, promotional search process.
    - o A search will be conducted to refill the Research Technology Analyst position that was vacated by Spencer.
- Ensemble services
    - o Ensemble video service, offered through SUNY ITEC, will no longer be available after late August.
    - o ITS has given up hope that SUNY ITEC or SUNY System will provide us with any option beyond August. ITS informed SUNY that we're expeditiously looking to procure Panopto video services directly from the vendor. Panopto is the company and product that bought out Ensemble.

Report from ITLAL (Aviva Bower)

- ITLAL's spring instructional workshop series and our workshops to prepare graduate students for the academic job market have wrapped up.
- Our early semester survey service is underway.
- We continue to plan our summer workshop and academy offerings to faculty, instructional staff, and graduate students.

Discussion of meeting frequency and LISC charge

Upcoming LISC Meeting: Friday, April 15, 2022