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IT.24.08 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Information Technology

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Information Technology (IT) during the 2023-2024 academic year. IT held three meetings during the fall 2023 semester (September 6, October 4, December 6) and four meetings during the spring 2024 semester (January 17, February 7, March 6, April 3). More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

IT.24.03, Update on Qualtrics

Qualtrics is a full featured online survey data collection tool that can also be used for event registration and gathering of feedback/satisfaction data. Maryalice Wu, Director of Data Analytic, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (CITL) provided an update on the acquisition of a three-year campus wide Qualtrics license.

IT.24.04, Discussion on Internal Campus Email and Spam

A general discussion was held on internal campus emails and how spam filters that are personally set may affect whether certain emails end up in the spam folder.

IT.24.05, Discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and TurnItIn

A general discussion was held on the decision to disable an AI detection feature on TurnItIn, a plagiarism-detection tool.

II. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

IT.23.08, Discussion on Overleaf

Overleaf is a collaborative cloud-based LaTeX editor used for writing, editing, and publishing scientific documents. IT is interested in the possibility of making it available with a campus wide license.

IT.23.09, Discussion on Bot Attacks

IT is interested in having resources available that would help prevent or manage possible bot attacks.

IT.24.01, Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)

General discussions were held on the impact of GenAI and best practices. Discussions on this topic occurred between the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Chief Information Officer, resulting in the new Generative AI Center of Expertise (GenAI CoE). Chris Tidrick, Senior Director of Information Technology, IT Partners Gies Business, provided an overview of the new Generative AI Center of Expertise (GenAI CoE).

IT.24.02, HTML 5 Package (H5P) in Canvas

H5P is a free, open-source content collaboration framework that allows users to create, share, reuse and modify a variety of interactive content and applications. IT is interested in an enterprise license for H5P. John Kotnarowski, Senior Lecturer, Linguistics, gave a presentation that included the benefits of an enterprise license.

IT.24.06, Discussion on Security within Webtools

Phil Reiter, Associate Director of Privacy, Technology Services, led a discussion on security within Webtools.

IT.24.07, Update on Boldly Illinois IT Strategic Planning

Mairéad Martin, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, provided an update on the Boldly Illinois IT Strategic Planning initiative. The framework for the initiative is collaborating to solve problems and promote understanding, fostering authentic inclusion to build community, and empowering individuals to be their best selves.

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