

Subcommittee of the Student Affairs Committee

Athletics, Subcommittee on

Robert Vandell, Chair

1. We have been looking into what SCOA is supposed to be doing.

University Resources Policy Committee

Mike Wolf, Chair

1. Development of weather closure policy.
2. Library Open Access Policy.
3. Review of USAP and UBC information.
4. Functional roles of Subcommittee on Advancement.
5. Key policy.

Subcommittees of the University Resources Policy Committee:

Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee

Andres Montenegro, Chair

1. The Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ACITAS) has no ongoing document under deliberation at this time; however, our committee is conducting a very important discussion about the future of our Learning Management System. At the ACITAS meeting today we discussed the possibility of Purdue University moving to the Canvas Learning Management system and away from Blackboard Learn.

They are conducting a pilot right now. It is possible, maybe likely, that if they chose to move to Canvas we will need to move as well. We do not have any faculty in the pilot but have the opportunity to get a “sandbox” so we can get into a sample class and see how it works.

ACITAS resolved:

- To encourage IPFW faculty get involved in the Canvas pilot.
- Inform the University Senate about the relevance of the discussion.
- Suggest a possible survey to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, consulting our academic community about the effectiveness of the two LMS.
- Encourage the members of ACITAS to request sandboxes of the Canvas pilot.
- I anticipate an incoming meeting of ACITAS at the end of March, to describe a much clear picture of the process.

Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee

Jeffrey Malanson, Chair

1. Developing a better understanding of the university budget and how it currently functions.
2. Considering the current complexities and realities of the Athletics budget.
3. Faculty salaries and raises.

Library Subcommittee

Suzanne LaVere, Chair

1. The Senate Library Subcommittee has continued working on drafting an Open Access Policy, and an open forum for faculty to learn more and ask questions was held in November. The policy has now been approved by URPC, and will move to the full Senate for a vote. The Subcommittee also will be evaluating Special Needs Grants, which will be due on March 15.