

Year-End Report

1. **Council:** Technology
2. **Academic Year:** 2015-2016
3. **Council Members:**
 - Kurt Wagner (Chair, Fall 2015)
 - David Fuentes (Chair, Spring 2016-Current)
 - Michael Gordon
 - Raymond Schwartz
 - John Link
 - Chuanqian Zhang
 - Michael Laughlin
 - Buffy Reily
 - Sandra Miller

4. **Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities:**

Technology Council Standing Charges:

- a. Identify the technological needs of faculty.
- b. Recommend technology policies and initiatives based on curricular and scholarship needs.
- c. Participate in the University's technological policy-making and planning.
- d. Liaise with technology administrators on policy, curricular, and scholarship issues.

Technology Council Yearly Charges:

1. Assist with implementation of Ellucian Degree Works, perhaps in the form of a series of faculty group meetings where several members of the Council meet with several faculty who are using Degree Works. The Council team may gather useful feedback that it can share with campus IT.
2. Plan for another Technology Form, again identifying four or five areas of concern involving campus technology and inviting faculty participation.
3. Conduct faculty survey of technology needs.
4. Research the possibility of establishing a digital repository at William Paterson University.

Progress:

The **Senate Council on Technology**, in collaboration with the **Academic Standards Council** reviewed the **Academic Integrity Policy** and do have some comments and recommendations. Please see them listed below.

Recommendations:

Look at the entire document from the perspective of an online learning environment. We felt that this was area in need of updating by focusing on the needs of an online/digital learning environment.

Include a statement that indicates that the University/faculty reserves the right to use anti-plagiarism software.

Comments:

Student and faculty use should adhere to WPU copyright policy, and that use of copywritten material should be guided by the same policy consider how plagiarism unfolds in an online/digital learning environment. In Policy 2, Section A: Adding to the bulleted list should be a statement about unauthorized materials that includes a statement against student use of Testbanks, textbooks, and portable devices in ways that may also be construed as cheating.

The council spent most of the fall semester reviewing Degree works. Nina Trelisky and Jacob Folson presented to the council on the use and implementation of the software. Recommendations for introducing to faculty and students were made.

5. Recommended Charges For The Next Academic Year:

Continue to work on standing charges and also continue to work with both the Academic Standards and Graduate Program Councils on the evolving needs of the university and policy needs that guide online learning and teaching.