

## **Technology Committee 2020-2021 Reporter to College Faculty Senate**

Members: Jay Hmielowski (PUR), Harrison Hove (Chair, JOU), Benjamin Johnson (ADV), Brian Krieger (TAG), Yu-Hao Lee (TEL), Mark Leeps (JOU), and Josh Merrill (TAG).

The Technology Committee met twice during the academic year and worked through a time sensitive project at the request of the administration in November via email.

On September 3, 2020, member Benjamin Johnson recapped the committee's work during the previous academic year. At this time, members elected a chair (Hove).

On September 10, 2020, members met to compile resources and best practices in the case of a zoom disruption by outsiders or a zoom outage (as experienced nationally in early September).

Alternate Platforms:

- Blue Jeans
- Google Meets
- Microsoft Teams

The committee also established best practices in case of an internet outage:

- Utilize a hot spot on your mobile device or regular cell data
- Download Canvas and Zoom to your mobile device in advance
- Migrate to platforms that use less data (Slack, Discord, Canvas)
- Have contingency plans published in advance to minimize disruptions.

On November 17, 2020, Executive Associate Dean Spiro Kiouisis asked the Technology Committee to identify two CJC-controlled classrooms (out of four) to update with HyFlex equipment. The committee immediately solicited feedback from our home departments to assess needs and desires. Committee members then voted to recommend upgrading Weimer 3024 and Weimer 3028. The two rooms we did not recommend upgrading were Weimer 3324 and Weimer 2058. This information was submitted to Dean Kiouisis on November 24, 2020. Ultimately CJC upgraded all four classrooms with additional funds from UFIT. Josh Merrill says computers were not replaced in an effort to reduce costs from the estimates. Merrill says the new cameras have a lifetime of approximately five years.

On March 12, 2021, members discussed technology upgrades and any looming issues in the college.

Major 2021 upgrade involves relocating the WUFT student newscast set and control room to the Innovation News Center (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor). The project will primarily take place during Summer 2021, to be complete by the start of Fall 2021 semester. Minimal disruption to the WUFT newscast can be expected. New technology will require fewer students needed to produce an on-air newscast. The committee also viewed the renderings for the project.

The one looming issue focuses on accessing equipment (professional television cameras, DSLR's, professional production equipment). Students are unable to access equipment unless they are registered for a course that has gear (and technology fees). This was framed as an equity issue because it impacts students who cannot afford to purchase their own equipment. Mark Leeps suggests using the Dean's Fleet, but it is unclear who gives permission to utilize the Dean's Fleet. Additionally, there is concern the fleet could be dated. There is also concern that advanced students in independent studies might be disproportionately impacted.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

Harrison Hove, chair  
2020-2021 Technology Committee