FTAC Yearly Report for 2015/2016

Updates of all FTAC activities are maintained on blogs.adams.edu/ftac. Meeting minutes, committee members and status of the FTAC grant are updated and posted to the website.

The following is a list of key items addressed this academic year:

* Degree works was funded with help from Title V. Implementation will occur over the next couple of years as funds for implementation are available to Computing Services. The goal is to have the program up and running by the Fall of 2017.
* Computing services has been working over the past year to upgrade the phone system to a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) system. This will mean new phones will be installed where needed. It also includes new cabling systems where needed.
* A priority list was updated where Room Scheduling Software was given first priority. A committee across campus was formed to investigate vendors and needs of the campus. FTAC has two members on this committee: Stephanie Hilwig and Chris Olance.
* Iclicker technology also remains on the list. Several faculty listed computer lab access, but it was agreed that labs are often empty and the room scheduling software may make it easier for faculty to move into those labs for specific class days.
* All faculty members must complete IT Security training or their computers will be locked at the end of the semester.
* The campus now has universal access to GIS. If anybody has a project that could use this software, please contact Tim Goddard.
* All computers will be upgraded to Windows 10 and Office 16 by the summer. If anybody would like to be an early adopter, just contact computing services.
* The FTAC grant was awarded as follows:
  + Theatre $1,685
  + Business $960
  + Psychology $995
  + Library $1,360
* Several departments are looking to fund a scantron machine that automatically encodes the results into data. This will allow item analysis for exams, surveys, etc.

FTAC Chair

Stephanie Hilwig