

ICRSS Committee Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019

Present: Henry May, Joel Pease, Michael Fennell, Aviva Heyn, Justin Wing, Iva Obrusnikova, Paul Rickards, Nancy O’Laughlin, Daniel Stevens, Susan Kennedy, and Brian Hanson.

The meeting began at 10 AM in the President’s Board Room in Hullihen 130.

The committee reviewed its charge, which is online at <https://sites.udel.edu/facsen/instructional-computing-and-research-support-services>.

After introductions, discussion ensued regarding the primary agenda item, namely, new course section-combining Canvas rules related to FERPA. Professor Daniel Stevens made an excellent presentation about how the new rules impact several aspects of course offerings in the School of Music. Fred Hofstetter followed by explaining how the new rules impact courses in the School of Education. Then Michael Fennell presented perspectives and plans from the Office of the Registrar.

Following lively discussion, the committee seemed to zero in on a possible solution after realizing that the root of the problem seems to be the manner in which combining courses in Canvas enables students to identify the specific section numbers in which their fellow classmates are enrolled. To solve this problem, the software process that sends course rosters from UDSIS to Canvas could either mask the section number or provide a coded section number so as to prevent students from identifying the specific section number in which their fellow classmates are enrolled. Michael Fennell said he will investigate whether this might be a solution to the dilemma.

The meeting concluded by considering future agenda items. These include (1) a review of the campus accessibility initiative, (2) the reliability of the campus network in light of recent network outages, (3) the Morris Library’s open educational resources (OER) initiative, and (4) the future of online learning at UD.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.