Chair’s annual summary report 2015 - 2016

We were able to attempt meetings once a month during the past academic year. As often happens with many faculty on many committees we were not always capable of reaching quorum. The accompanying documents are the minutes from the meetings during which we reached and maintained quorum.

Over the past year we have heard and transmitted a great deal of information from the USIT staff and administration to our respective schools. This represents the bulk of our duties as the only primary communication channel between the faculty and the organized effort and plans of the greater IU Information Technologies organization.

During the past year we have supported the organization and implementation of many technical improvements for our campus. Stand outs amongst that list are:

• Mobile device charging stations at the library and our voting support to expand those based on student usage.
• Improvement of WiFi access across campus, identifying areas of weakness and having them addressed.
• Requesting and supporting the improvement of the I-Light - 10 gig backbone currently 1 gigabit and going to 10 this summer. This will greatly assist in the research efforts of those requiring direct pipeline access to IU Bloomington servers. This will also improve connectivity across campus.
• Research and vetting of the new student printing services across campus.
• A 3D printing facility which will begin service in the WERC in the fall of 2016. This 3D printing facility will be available to any member of campus at a reasonable price ensuring professional level 3D printing to anyone on campus who chooses to access the service.

We also updated a section of the handbook regarding our committee.

Many smaller tasks were accomplished but those are the stand out accomplishments from last year.

Thank You,
Sean Hottois, Chair 2015 - 2016.