

Technology Committee Standing Report District Governance Senate

Date: May 5, 2025

Attendees: David Richert, Iris Flores, Aaron Albright, Delicia Adame, Jeremy Mallouf, Adrienne Duarte, Jonna Schengel

Meeting(s) Report:

1. Banner Updates:

Dave reported that the recent banner updates were successful, with minor issues quickly resolved. The disaster recovery simulation went smoothly; the team successfully simulated an outage and restored systems using Amazon Web Services without any problems. Post-restoration tests confirmed everything was functioning correctly before transitioning back to the production environment.

2. Summer Upgrades:

Degree Works will undergo a version update this summer, along with hardware replacement. The AWS infrastructure will be re-architected to ensure it is up to date. Banner Document Management (BDMS) will also be upgraded, including both hardware and software updates. The servers will be moved to AWS from on-premises bare metal servers.

3. Pathify:

Dave provided an update on Pathify, including the shift in approach to utilizing new functionalities. A soft launch is planned for the end of the semester and early summer. The objective is to collect feedback from faculty, students, and staff to ensure the system is user-friendly and meets their needs. Dave demonstrated the student interface in Pathify, showcasing the quick links, tools, and resources available. The team is working on naming conventions and testing with users to ensure usability.

4. Handshake Implementation:

The implementation of Handshake will replace geographic solutions and jobspeaker. The new tool is expected to be more user-friendly and cost-effective.

5. Technology Procurement AP 6360:

Dave shared the progress on the technology procurement AP, which includes guidelines for software and hardware purchases. The updated procedure aims to provide more detailed information for faculty and staff.

6. Next Year Topics:

Dave outlined the plans for the next academic year, including updating the tech plan, pushing the 6000 series of APs and BPs, and tackling data governance.

Recommendation(s) for Possible Action Items:

None at this time