Highlights of ITCO’s work since May 2010

• ITCO and the Faculty Senate sub-committee, Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Sub-Committee (ACITAS), will meet jointly for the rest of the 2010-11 academic year. Jens Clegg, ACITAS Chair, and Gail Rathbun, ITCO Chair, will co-facilitate these meetings. The first joint meeting is set for January 25, 2011.

Members of the two committees decided on the joint meetings in December 2010. The purpose of the joint meetings is to provide opportunities for discussion of the ways in which the committees may more effectively execute their respective charges.

• ITCO and ACITAS will jointly plan and execute a campus wide Technology Showcase event in the Walb Union from 9-2 on Friday, April 8. The purpose of the event will be to provide to faculty ideas and hands on experience for innovative use of technology in teaching. Several vendors will be invited to demonstrate their products. Several faculty members have agreed to demonstrate their use of technology in the classroom. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Malcolm Brown, Director of the Educause Learning Initiative (ELI), who will speak on the topic of “Seeking Evidence of Impact: Towards evidence-based practice”.

The budget for this event is approximately $3500. Budget items include:

- $1500 speaker honorarium
- Up to $750 speaker travel and per diem
- $750 food for 60-80 people (1 meal)
- $300 in house printing (flyers, handouts, other printing such as posters)
- $200 misc supplies and expenses

ITS and COAS have made verbal commitments to provide funds, though specific amounts have not yet been specified. CELT can contribute $1,000.

• ITCO discussed the Next Generation Learning Challenges RFP at some length in two fall 2010 meetings. Recommendations were made to the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. IPFW did not submit a proposal for the first round of funding. There are possible proposals that can be made for the second wave of NGLC funding, which is directed at K-12.

The committee identified these specific challenges to developing NGLC proposals and similar grant opportunities:

1. The NGLC RFP emphasizes taking an existing technological innovation, scaling it up and moving it out to other post-secondary institutions. The ideas put forward so far involve just IPFW and the community. Before starting work, we must have a sense of who our partners will be and what technological innovation will be scaled and diffused.
2. Any proposal should strive to be unique and different from the other proposals. Our ideas so far are not that unique.

3. Faculty buy-in. The sense that this is one more thing piled on without removing something else. "We can't fix the plane if we are flying it." And the corollary, "The plane is still flying, so what's the problem?"

4. If a proposal is to be written, then a small group of people must be immediately appointed to do this and relieved of other duties.

- In progress or under consideration
  - Technology survey of faculty and teaching support staff to learn what technologies are being used, are desired, to inform April 8 speaker and future ITCO activities
  - Providing input to ITS for revision of the “Service Request” form
  - Awaiting feedback from ITS on how the items that ITCO developed for the ITS 2008-2012 Strategic Plan have been incorporated into the plan and budget
  - Awaiting clarification of the assignment ITCO received from ITPC in May 2010 to evaluate the impact of instructional technology
  - ITCO’s Frequently Asked Questions web page, which was designed to replace the popular printed borchure created in 2004, needs: content updated, the updated content uploaded to the site, conversion to the new IPFW template, new analytics applied, and regular maintenance. The committee may be able to complete the first step but the other steps require technical expertise and time.