

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL REPORT COVER SHEET

Committee on Academic Technology (CAT)

Executive Summary

Period: 2025-2026

Current Committee Chair: Prof. Mark Ruegsegger, BME

Incoming Committee Chair: Prof. Jim Fowler, Mathematics

Committee Members:

Detra Price-Dennis, Tara O'Brien, Jan Pierskalla, Jim Fowler, Meris Longmeier, Nick Fogt, Kate Roush, Catherine Braun, Liana Crisan-Vandeborne, Courtney Sanders, Valerie Rake, Lilly Cook, Sabrina Durso, John Muir, Zeynep Benderlioglu, Lynne Sanbe

Number of Meetings: 7 meetings

Do you have Bylaws? N/A

Briefly describe the key accomplishments of your committee this year:

CAT provided key guidance on two University-wide issues:

- (1) Development of the ADA compliance system for all documents Carmen Canvas.
- (2) Initial discussions on the AI fluency goals envisioned by the Office of Provost

Additional topics include:

- (1) New admin process to select the next Chair-elect in the November meeting, so he/she has time to become acquainted with the role before becoming Chair.
- (2) Simple Syllabus is just coming online in Spring/Summer 2026, and implemented university-wide for Fall 2026. We are discussing how to disseminate information to all departments/units to ensure unified message.

Please reflect on the goals set for this committee identified in the prior Annual Review and describe how they were addressed:

The goals from the previous year centered around two main themes:

- (1) The Student Technology Loan program: This program intends to provide technology for students on a financial need basis. After discussions with the appropriate partners, it was decided that the program should still exist, but on a smaller scale that reflects actual use by students. The university is always read to respond to special requests for technology by students.
- (2) Establishing strong relations with key partners, such as OTDI and ERIK. This year's committee has increased discussions and interactions with these partners, including having the CAT chair serve on the OTDI advisory committee.

Please indicate key goals this committee wants to accomplish in 2026-2027.

- (1) Continue guidance with ADA compliance as helpful, particularly for ongoing assessment and verification of compliance at the Department/Unit/faculty level.
- (2) Provide support for Simple Syllabus, which is coming online in Fall 2026.
- (3) Provide support for AI fluency as needed for Office of Provost.
- (4) Continue discussions of Software pre-approval process and how to streamline for purchasing and maintaining.

Did you consult with any other Senate Committees? Are there other committees with which you feel this committee should connect in 2026-2027?

CAT did not regularly interact with any other Senate Committee. Having committee members from OTDI, Drake Institute, VP Research office, CGS and GSC is helpful.

Meetings (# or Dates)	Number in attendance	Guests (#)	Names
September 15, 2025	15	1	a. Mark Ruegsegger b. Jim Fowler c. Nick Fogt d. John Muir e. Zeynep Benderlioglu f. Courtney Sanders g. Kate Roush h. Katie Braun i. Lilly Cook j. Meris Longmeier k. Sabrina Durso l. Lynne Sanbe m. Tara O'Brien n. Valerie Rake o. Liana Vandeborne p. Rob Lowden (guest) q. Ivy Hammond (recorder)
October 20	15	0	a. Mark Ruegsegger c. Jim Fowler d. Nick Fogt e. John Muir f. Zeynep Benderlioglu g. Courtney Sanders h. Kate Roush i. Katie Braun j. Lilly Cook k. Meris Longmeier l. Sabrina Durso m. Lynne Sanbe n. Tara O'Brien o. Valerie Rake p. Liana Vandeborne r. Ivy Hammond (recorder)
November 17	15	2	b. Mark Ruegsegger d. Jim Fowler e. Nick Fogt

			f. John Muir g. Zeynep Benderlioglu h. Courtney Sanders i. Kate Roush j. Katie Braun k. Lilly Cook l. Meris Longmeier m. Sabrina Durso m. Lynne Sanbe m. Tara O'Brien p. Valerie Rake q. Liana Vandeborne r. Scott Lissner (guest) s. Vanessa Coterel (guest) t. Ivy Hammond (recorder)
January 12, 2026	15	1	Mark Ruegsegger, Courtney Sanders, Jan Pierskalla, John Muir, Jate Roush, Katie Braun, Liana Crisan-Vandeborne, Lilly Cook, Lisa Rice, Meris Longmeier, Tara O'Brien, Valerie Rake, Zeynep Benderlioglu, Detra Price, Lynne Sanbe Guest: Jennifer Elliott
February 9	15	0	Mark Ruegsegger, Courtney Sanders, Jan Pierskalla, John Muir, Jate Roush, Katie Braun, Liana Crisan-Vandeborne, Lilly Cook, Lisa Rice, Meris Longmeier, Tara O'Brien, Valerie Rake, Zeynep Benderlioglu, Detra Price, Lynne Sanbe
March 9	15	1	Mark Ruegsegger, Courtney Sanders, Jan Pierskalla, John Muir, Jate Roush, Katie Braun, Liana Crisan-Vandeborne, Lilly Cook, Lisa Rice, Meris Longmeier, Tara O'Brien, Valerie Rake, Zeynep Benderlioglu, Detra Price, Lynne Sanbe Guest: Scott Lissner
April 13	15	0	Mark Ruegsegger, Courtney Sanders, Jan Pierskalla, John Muir, Jate Roush, Katie Braun, Liana Crisan-Vandeborne, Lilly Cook, Lisa Rice, Meris Longmeier, Tara O'Brien, Valerie Rake, Zeynep Benderlioglu, Detra Price, Lynne Sanbe