Information Technology Committee
January 20, 2016 at 10 a.m. via Blackboard Collaborate

This is a learning management system that is faster, cheaper, able to be used on mobile aps. Chris explained that it was piloted and evaluated at the behest of Faculty Senate a few years ago. It isn't parallel with Collaborate but a LMS/CMS ala Blackboard. Fred said many large universities are migrating from Blackboard to Canvas. Falk reported that CANVAS is quite diverse and adjustable, many pros; few cons in his estimate. The Math Department uses it and they have great success with it. He uses it to save time as it is easier to use.

Phone company roles – Falk requested information from ATT and GCI but has not received information from them. He thought it may not be the correct contact so he will contact municipalities about broadband connections. Karl volunteered to help facilitate answers to these questions. He recently explored fiber optic in the Arctic and research in communities needing more bandwidth.

Explorance Blue- Additional feedback from committee members
Ruth shared she got more response when she set aside time in the classroom for students to do evaluations.
Chris shared that aggregate data has gone to the provost and will be out soon. Preliminary aggregate rough draft showed the response to Explorance Blue was about 42%, compared to 60% from previous written evaluations. This is better than anticipated. A marketing
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