

June 2026 Faculty Senate Technology Committee Report

This year, the Faculty Senate Technology Committee focused heavily on two major issues shifting the academic landscape: the rise of generative AI and upcoming ADA digital accessibility deadlines. While the committee has no formal recommendations to submit to the full Senate at this time, we served as a strategic guide for faculty and a quick point of contact for resolving day-to-day campus tech issues.

AI continues to be a top-of-mind issue for faculty, for obvious reasons. While the committee received briefings on tools like Einstein and others that unfortunately allow students to take shortcuts, it should be noted that fighting this technology head-on is likely not the best use of our time, per the recommendations of various committees and authorities. Additionally, we want to emphasize that AI detection tools should not be used, as they are simply not reliable.

Instead, drawing from updates from the AI Innovation Committee, our goal is to position FSU to take advantage of this technology and stay ahead of the curve. Through the ai.fsu.edu website and various campus initiatives, we are focusing on the ethical, valuable, and responsible use of AI. FSU also continues to maintain excellent relationships with multiple AI providers, keeping us firmly on their radar as an innovative institution.

The upcoming ADA deadline was our other major focus. Even though the official compliance deadline was postponed until next year, we will stay vigilant to work on the best outcomes for our faculty; there is perhaps still a lot of work to do and awareness to spread across departments. I was glad to provide some guidance on this transition during our last general Faculty Senate meeting, and we will continue to determine how we might assist with compliance efforts moving forward.

Beyond these large-scale topics, the committee proved highly effective as a central point of contact for smaller, immediate campus needs. This year, we were able to address and resolve localized faculty concerns regarding wireless accessibility and the availability of school-purchased software.

Committee Charge & Recommendations

Our official charge is to provide technology recommendations to the Faculty Senate at large. For this term, the committee has no formal recommendations to present. Instead, our efforts were directed toward campus-wide awareness, cross-committee collaboration, and strategic positioning.