UTAC Fall Update / Looking toward Winter

The University Technology Advisory Committee (UTAC) met three times during the Fall 2023 quarter. This was the committee's first term working with our new charge, new tri-chair model, and new Director of University Computing Solutions (UCS), Tom Litterer. During this period, the committee reviewed the Name Policy subcommittee charge, and the subcommittee began work on implementation.

UTAC also provided input to UCS on several topics, including:
- Themes/objectives for prioritizing the work of UCS,
- Considering WOU's future direction for mobile applications for students (Ellucian Mobile; Ellucian Go, Navigate, Handshake),
- Building campus awareness about the risks of inputting sensitive information into Generative AI tools,
- Ellucian Experience Premium as a possible replacement for WOU Portal
- Reducing the number of lab computers on campus.

During Winter term, UTAC will:
- Begin to review the Equity Audit Action Plan with an eye toward moving technology-related action items forward,
- Form a subcommittee to advise on decisions regarding the campus mobile environment,
- Form a task force to recommend the number of lab computers (and computer labs) the campus needs
- Continue to monitor the work of the University Names Policy implementation group
- Continue to advise UCS on strategy and prioritization.

If you would like a preview of the Equity Audit Action Plan, you can find it in the docket from the October Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee meeting.