Technology and Planning Concerns Response

The following concerns were presented to the College Council on March 11, 2025 by the current and former Faculty Technology Liaisons (<u>"Technology and Planning Concerns</u>"). The goal of this presentation was to engage the College Council to help ensure that the persistent technology challenges experienced by many faculty over the years be addressed. We concluded that presentation by asking that the College Council find ways to ensure that the college community receives regular updates regarding these efforts.

The three concerns outlined in the presentation are:

#1: The call for a technology plan that is responsive to faculty voices and needs.

Faculty members are seeking involvement in the development of and transparency in the technology planning process for traditional and non-traditional classrooms.

#2: Address faculty concerns about a lack of clarity and transparency regarding how budgets are allocated and purchasing decisions are made regarding technology.

The current and former Faculty Technology Liaisons are asking:

- A. the College Council to provide a transparent plan for addressing the aging, and in some cases, absent technology infrastructure on campus.
- B. for a clear history, timelines, and metrics for improvement that include but are not limited to upgrading classroom equipment, technology for non-standard classrooms, and resolving technology accessibility issues.

#3: Address faculty concerns and calls for an updated and thorough technology inventory.

- A. Address concerns regarding technology being taken outside the area that purchased it for use elsewhere or otherwise unaccounted for.
- B. Improve on the current method of maintaining inventory as it seems unorganized and incomplete to precent future negative impacts not only on budgeting concerns, but on faculty and students using outdated technology or leaving technology unused in forgotten or not well known locations.
- C. Establish better two-way communication so that faculty, staff, and students know what technology has been replaced and how to seek replacement.
- D. A third-party audit of inventory, spending, budget request processes, and grant requests and disbursements may be necessary given the current nature of Miramar's inventory.