

# UNC TLT Collaborative Board Meeting

## Videoconference

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

2:00pm – 4:00pm

### Present:

#### Board Members:

Sharon Pitt (NCSU), Chair  
Steven J. Breiner (ASU)  
Chris Weaver (ECU)  
John Myers (UNCA)  
Sallie Ives (UNCC)  
Kathy Thomas (UNC-CH)  
Ray Purdom (UNCG)  
Maurice C. Mitchell (UNCP)  
Beverly Vagnerini (UNCW)  
Kevin Sisson (WCU) proxy for Robert Orr  
Scott Simkins (NCAT)  
Forrest McFeeters (WSSU)  
Henry Schaffer (Board Member Emeritus)  
Yogi Kakad (Faculty Assembly)  
Betty Ladner proxy for Amy Dykeman (ULAC)

#### TLTC Staff:

Hilarie Nickerson (UNC-TLTC)  
Andrea Eastman-Mullins (UNC-TLTC)  
Frank Prochaska (UNC-TLTC)

#### Absent:

Jo Ann Pearson (OP-Alliance)  
Kimberly Stevenson (ECSU)  
Brenda Shaw (NCCU)  
John Brooks (FSU)  
Jill Lane (NCSA)  
Betsy Brown (OP-AA)  
Laura Rogers (UNC-TLTC)

### Welcome and Roll Call

- Sharon Pitt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### Approve Minutes of December 14, 2005 Board Meeting

- Minutes were approved as submitted

### Executive Director Report (Frank)

- Frank reported on the new UNC President Erskine Bowles taking office January 2.
- Andrea is leaving the TLTC. She is moving to Florida with her family. Her last day is Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Frank recognized the many projects and contributions Andrea brought to the TLTC. She will be greatly missed.
- Frank congratulated Ray for his appointment as chair of the 2007 MERLOT International Conference.

### SAKAI Pilot Program Update (Steve)

- Steve reported he is currently waiting for information to create accounts
- Board members are reminded to send Steve suggestions for campus liaisons. Liaisons could be systems manager types, instructional support staff, etc.

- A webinar on using Sakai will be advertised soon. Steve will pass on the information when finalized.
- Steve reminded the group that we are not accessing a production instance of Sakai, therefore, we are not planning to run any “live” classes during this pilot project.
- The pilot runs from January 2006-July 2006 for Sakai and Open Source Portfolio (OSP).

#### **AuthorGEN, Macromedia Breeze Pilot Discussion (Frank)**

- These vendors are willing to arrange an informal pilot and make it available at the campuses at no cost.
- AuthorGEN would setup a web page off the TLTC homepage where users could download and install a partial version of the software – only records for about 5 minutes.
- The Board had a discussion as to how we want to handle these types of incoming requests from vendors.
  - Sally suggested the vendors send us a link to literature on how their product is used in the classroom and how it has affected the teaching and learning process.
  - Chris questioned whether or not the recorded sessions would be available after the pilot period ended.
  - Ray will send the Board a suggested rubric for evaluation.
  - Scott questioned whether this should be a TLTC project and how we might handle vendor requests for pilots in the future.
  - Frank noted that doing these studies help us to develop commonalities between campuses and the community colleges. However, this suggested pilot is different than the Learning Management System study, which is a major project.
  - Kathy noted that we need to make sure the web page clearly states where users should go for help.
  - The Board decided to schedule a more in-depth discussion on this whole topic of pilots at the spring retreat.
- We will hold further discussion at February’s meeting.

#### **Discussion of Spring 2006 Board Retreat (Frank)**

- We are considering a 2 day retreat sometime in April, possibly in Wilmington

#### **TLT Conference Update (Frank, Hilarie)**

- Sponsors – working on finalizing sponsor participation.
- Frank noted that vendor contribution goals should be easily met.
- Presenters will be notified. Contact Laura if your campus has any questions.
- Registration will open in January including a process for group payment.
- Try to reserve hotel rooms by Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Laura will follow-up with those who submitted proposals.
- Frank asked when it might be convenient to hold a Blackboard/WebCT merger discussion at the Conference. Possibly Thursday morning.

### **Committee Reports**

- Planning Committee
  - No additional report
- By-Laws Committee
  - No additional report
- Finance Committee
  - No additional report
- Portal Oversight Committee
  - No additional report
- Faculty Assembly
  - No report – have not met yet for Spring.

### **New Business**

- Henry mentioned the article regarding libraries in the Chronicle of Higher Education
- Thanks to Ray for sending the Horizon Report

**Adjourn 3:10 p.m.**