

TLTC Board Videoconference
Wednesday, January 17, 2007
2:00 – 4:00pm
Minutes

Welcome and Roll Call

- Ray called the meeting to order at 2:00

Present:

Board Members:

Ray Purdom (UNCG), Chair
Greg Simmons, proxy for Steven J. Breiner (ASU)
Kimberly Stevenson (ECSU)
Scott Simkins (NCAT)
Bob King (NCSA)
John Myers (UNCA)
Kathy Kyzer (UNC-CH)
Beverly Vagnerini (UNCW)
Robert Orr (WCU)
Geri Vital (NCCU)
Chris Weaver (ECU)
Donna Petherbridge (NCSU)
Mark Sivy (UNCC)

TLTC Staff:

Frank Prochaska (UNC-TLTC)
Hilarie Nickerson (UNC-TLTC)
Laura Rogers (UNC-TLTC)
Faith Dabney (UNC-TLTC)
Lori Mathis (UNC-TLTC)

Absent:

Maurice C. Mitchell (UNCP)
John Brooks (FSU)
Forrest McFeeters (WSSU)
Yogi Kakad (Faculty Assembly)
James Sadler (UNC Division of Academic Affairs)
Amy Dykeman (ULAC)
Jo Ann Pearson (Alliance)

Ex Officio Board Members:

Henry Schaffer (Board Member Emeritus)

Approve Minutes of December 11 Meeting

- Minutes approved

Executive Director Report

- The Content Management Project with NCCCS is going well but slow. Bill Randall is putting out a bid, which may be submitted by end of January. Frank is hopeful the bid process will go smoothly and we should have access to a system sometime this spring. The steering committee has a plan in place for a pilot study and a call for proposal statement for those interested in participating. Bill Randall is working hard on this. It is just taking some time.
- The BOG met last week. PACE recommendations are to be implemented based on a short term or mid/long term timeframe. The PACE report is on the BOG website. 17 of the recommendations are IT related and the TLTC is charged with implementing 2 recommendations. They are :

- Open source software evaluation. This is a short-term recommendation with an October 2007 deadline. We will need to have our pilot studies project in place by deadline.
- The Blackboard Consortium is a long-term recommendation with a 12-18 month timeframe. Frank is comfortable that we will meet these deadlines.
- Frank reported no additional budget information. The major projects discussed in December are moving forward.

Synchronous LMS Project Update (Faith, Lori)

- Faith presented an update on usage. The only change is that NCA&T has increased usage. All other institutional usage remains approximately the same. Contact Faith for additional details.
- Lori took a quick poll on those using the Mac client. Has the Mac client deficiencies affected campus decision in using Centra? A number of campuses reported yes. The TLTC is interested in facilitating a shared agreement with the campuses' vendor of choice. Frank asked the campuses to notify Lori of campus interest in a shared pool of seats approach.
- If your campus is thinking about re-negotiating a contract for next year, please provide that information to Lori.

UNC Online Quality Work Group Update (Laura)

- Laura provided an update outlining the work of the Online Quality group. The group would like to share information that is gathered. The group now consists of 39 people from 15 campuses. There are plans for videoconferences and phone calls as well as an in-person meeting at the TLT Conference. Jim Sadler has had several conversations with Faculty Assembly chair Brenda Killingsworth. Brenda is going to participate on the work group and will share information with the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate on each of the campuses. Send any questions or comments to Laura.

UNC Course Redesign Initiative Update (Hilarie)

- Hilarie reported there are 1-2 reps from each campus. They are holding the first set of meetings this week. For interested campuses, the goal is to have at least one course per campus redesigned by Spring 2008. The model for how to move forward is not set yet, but will be discussed further when the group meets again in about 3 weeks. The group will also meet at the TLT Conference. There is a plan to provide mentoring for faculty participating in the redesign process, with possible funding from the TLTC to the campus. Send any questions or comments to Hilarie.
- This might be a good efficiency solution as the campuses prepare their PACE reports to GA. The redesign process applies to large courses as well as courses with a large number of sections.

Open Source Pilot Studies Update (Lori, Hilarie)

- Lori reported that Sakai access through OLi has been extended. They are working to setup access and training for Moodle for those interested, and finding ways to capture data for those participating.

- The ECU platform project is comprised of a yearlong comparison and review of Blackboard, Sakai, and Moodle. ECU has agreed to work with TLTC and other campuses in the review process. Participating team members would teach in Bb/WebCT this semester and in Sakai or Moodle during the summer and fall. TLTC will provide project management for the teams from other campuses.
- Frank noted that the open source discussion fits into the timeline for Bb license renewal for the UNC system and community colleges, which expire in June 2008. ECU plans to make a product decision by spring 2008.
- If you think your campus has a faculty or staff member who might be interested in participating, contact Lori. ECU is providing faculty support by their local IT support staff. The TLTC will need to provide some support for the other participating faculty. This will be determined once the level of participation is finalized. Lori will send out an email to the Board members for campus solicitation.
- The School of Science and Math (17th institution in the system) has moved from Bb to Moodle and will present at the TLT Conference.

Blackboard Common-hosting Pilot Update (Lori)

- Lori reported that information gathering is well underway. She is talking with other state systems in Connecticut and Ohio who are currently doing this and is also talking with each Bb campus to get an understanding and level of interest in participating. Thanks to all who provided information. The proposed timeline might be to get started in Summer 2007 with production in Spring 2008. The community colleges would be invited to participate.

2007 Conference Update (Faith, Frank)

- The plenary speakers are confirmed. Vendor participation still coming in. The registration page should be up by end of January. Workshop space has been secured at the Marriot with transportation provided. Presenters have been notified. An email announcement will be sent when registration opens. Frank reminded Board members to distribute the email on campuses. There is still room for possible vendor workshops. Send suggestions to Faith .

New Business - Campus Interest in Turnitin? (Kim)

- Kim requested information from campuses using Turnitin or competing products. They are exploring a pilot program with the software, perhaps this spring. Ray noted that UNCG is using Safe Assignment which costs approximately 48 cents per FTE. UNCC has been using Turnitin for several years and noted their prices have gone up. UNCC currently pays approximated \$13-14k annually for campus wide use. Western also uses Turnitin at a cost of \$7 k per year. A&T is using Turnitin but not sure of pricing.
- The Board discussed possible FERPA and copyright issues related to Turnitin.
- Clarification that Safe Assignment is for Blackboard and Drop Box is the equivalent product for other platforms.
- The TLTC will pursue getting additional information on Turnitin and Safe Assignment.

Announcements – Ray

- January 29th is the deadline for the MERLOT conference this summer.
- The Lilly Conference will be held in Greensboro February 16-18

Meeting Adjourn at 3:45

- **Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, face-to-face meeting, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at UNC-GA.**