

TLTC Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2007
UNC General Administration Board Room
10:00am – 3:00pm
Minutes

Welcome and Roll Call Members

- Ray called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present:

Board Members:

Ray Purdom (UNCG), Chair
Steve J. Breiner (ASU)
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)
Maurice C. Mitchell (UNCP)
John Brooks (FSU)
Forrest McFeeters (WSSU)

TLTC Staff:

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

Ex Officio Board Members:

Henry Schaffer (Board Member Emeritus)
James Sadler (UNC Division of Academic Affairs)

Absent:

Kimberly Stevenson (ECSU)
Yogi Kakad (Faculty Assembly)
Amy Dykeman (ULAC)
Jo Ann Pearson (Alliance)

Approve Minutes of January 17 Videoconference

- Minutes approved

Executive Director Report

- Negotiations for Learning Object Repository Pilot led by NCCCS should be completed this spring. UNC faculty will have an opportunity to participate in the pilot summer and fall 2007.
- At the last Board meeting, questions came up about 2 products, *Turnitin* and *SafeAssignment*. GA is reviewing the legal issues with both products.
- No new items to report on the budget side. Over the next month or six weeks we will know how to spend the remainder of the budget.
- Chris discussed how ECU is setting up a bulletin board (a JAM) for faculty to discuss quality assurance issues. Participants will log in anonymously, but identify the campus they are representing. The discussions will be moderated and

a report of the results produced afterwards. ECU plans to open the bulletin board discussion on April 11-12, summarize the comments over the weekend, and open for additional discussion April 16-17. The intended outcome is to find out what faculty think on the issue of quality instruction in online courses. (A discussion followed on whether or not participation should be anonymous.)

Update/Discussion on Possible Group Application Licenses (Lori)

- Mathematica license. There is a statewide license in place. Each campus has to buy into the licenses. Lori is getting the cost for buy-in and procedure to purchase.
- Synchronous LMS – pricing on Elluminate is still preliminary until we know which campuses will participate. (There may be additional discounts on the FTE based pricing. Steve said the campuses he has talked with are not interested in participating in perpetual licenses.) Several campuses are interested in pooling for a significant number of seats to reduce costs. They are exploring a mechanism to release seats to another participating campus. ASU, WCU, UNCG, School of the Arts, NCCU, Elizabeth City are pursuing. Frank mentioned that this might be something to consider for statewide licenses in relation to the distance education courses and to support students at a distance. This needs to be discussed at the GA level for consideration with the UNC Online program.

Vista Project Update (Frank, Lori)

- Frank and Lori gave an update on the Vista project and some of the technical problems that have surfaced and are being actively addressed.

UNC Online Quality Work Group Update (Laura, Jim)

- Laura gave an update on the activities of the Online Quality Workgroup. The group is collecting information from all campuses on how online quality is addressed. The Faculty Assembly and the 16 Faculty Senates are participating.
- Jim Sadler gave an update on The University of North Carolina Online Project that will be released this Spring.

UNC Course Redesign Initiative Update (Hilarie)

- The Course Redesign group has had two meetings so far and are meeting again on March 7th via videoconference. They are informing campuses of the purpose of redesign. Four campuses have identified courses and five-six campuses are in the process of identifying courses. There will be several presentations on the redesign process at the TLT conference. Funding for supporting campus projects will be determined once we have further information on the budget.

Open Source Pilot Studies Update (Lori)

- Lori provided an update on the efforts to provide Sakai and Moodle test spaces as well as training. The Board discussed windows for possible training dates.

- Open Source e-Portfolio is now integrated into Sakai. Contact Steve for more information on OSP training this spring.
- Update on ECU's Platform project – Moodle and Sakai servers are up. They are currently developing the rubric. For the purposes of the study (core project), faculty need to teach in all 3 products. Contact Lori for information on how other campuses can participate in this project.
- ECU is also testing OSP and is developing some tutorials for Sakai. They are testing transfer of information from one system to another.
- The School of Science and Math has moved from Blackboard to Moodle.

Blackboard Common-hosting Pilot Update (Lori)

- Lori gave a update on the Blackboard common-hosting project. She discussed her conversations with CIOs and campus representatives. Campuses will likely self-select to be in the pilot study.

2007 Conference Update (Faith, Frank)

- Faith gave an update on preparations for the conference, which are going well.

Committee Reports

- No committee reports.

New Business

- Brief discussion on Mobile Technology solutions. Campuses should send information regarding their campus specific initiatives to the board.

Meeting Adjourn at 3:00

Next meeting – videoconference on March 14, 2007 - 2:00-4:00