

10/06/11
ETC minutes

In Attendance: Wendy Marshall, Linda Wright, Pam Culberson, Jared Schlieper, David Jarrell, Angela Horne

Approval of minutes form meeting 8/30/2011 - small correction was made before approval

Patricia Holliman, Interim CIO met with committee to address concerns with the LMS switch to Desire 2 Learn.

Questions submitted to Ms. Holliman that were addressed

- a. Will there be an overlap period where both LMS systems are available?
 - i. For testing, yes, but the current plan is for a single cut over date for each institution. This will not change due to need for integration to Banner.
- b. What are the transition dates? When will faculty no longer have access to Vista?
 - i. All dates tentative: Group 1 late FY12/ early fy13, group 2 mid FY13, group 3 late FY13 all systems off vista by early FY14
 - ii. Ms. Holliman recommends Armstrong request to be in group 1, more interaction with vendor, influence how things are implemented
- c. What are the specific local D2L configuration options alluded to in the final USG LMS report?
 - i. Flexibility:
 1. design, including look and feel
 2. roles and permissions
 - ii. LMS features licensed and enabled by institution products within D2L can be licensed ant turned on at the institutional level and maybe down to dept level
 - iii. Third party applications by institution: investigation into which apps is on going, some mentioned: safe assign, mymathlab, turnitin,..
 - iv. D2L includes a full mobile web interface, email can be internal or external, item tags can be amended to reflect institutional terms and preferences
- d. What are the details regarding conversion of courses in the current LMS to D2L? Can this be done automatically?
 - i. D2L has automated the conversion process and has successfully done so at many institutions requiring very little manual post processing. Plan is to convert all courses as a batch. Very good feedback regarding conversion at other institutions.
 - ii. Browser issues are absent in D2L
 - iii. Assessment can also be converted.
 - iv. On demand tutorials are also available.

Other questions addressed by Ms. Holliman

- i. Why are we still on XP across campus? The issue being that some

faculty had to downgrade windows in order to use new computers or some newer software does not work well with XP. Many faculty do not understand the reasoning and this should be communicated to them possibly at the faculty meeting.

1. Mainly due to enterprise systems that do not work well with other versions of Windows, as more of those systems(Banner, WebCTVista, etc..) are updated the closer we are to moving to win 7 or something. plan is in development.
- ii. Is there a budget plan for continued support/update for software purchased through a tech fee proposal?
 1. Yes, this should be addressed on the tech application with a statement about what is needed 3-5 years down the road for the system.
- iii. Who do we speak with regarding goals for a specific computer lab/tech/security, etc?
 1. Pam Culberson, Greg Gellar, or Joey ??
- b. Ms. Holliman asked how the new smart classrooms are working for the faculty?
 - i. Great overall. The one exception being the busted pipe in UH that could cause problems in the near future.

Tech Fee committee request for direct representation of members of ETC on the Tech Fee committee.

- request to be formalized and moved forward to Dr. Thompson

- ITS would like to see the proposals before May/June period in order to complete them before summer.

Tech Talk Series

- We should coordinate with Kristen Betts for a demonstration/talk with one idea centering around Wimba. Wendy to set meeting with Ms. Betts to discuss.
- Linda: In the past, there was an online faculty learning community. Maybe this is something we could bring about again, maybe through a “bag lunch” meeting.

Tech Survey: Continue the development of the survey

- Change the survey based on results of ITS survey ran last spring. CIO

will provide this as well as possible collaboration in the creation. Contact SPARQ as well.

- Ideas to get a better response rate:
 - widget/app to send an auto notice regarding the survey
 - use Google Apps/Calendar to send an alert to faculty

ETC Blog: continue the efforts on it.

- Wordpress has new themes available and lots of new enhancements that could improve the blog, including tracking widget for email subscriptions
- Maybe we could post deadlines, training sessions, talks, luncheons, etc on the blog.
- Jared will look into updating the blog.