

DL Committee Meeting Minutes

3/25/08

Members (*attending*): Linda Aiken, Curtis Dowdle, Andrea Kennedy, Barbara Putman, Carolyn Porter, David Kochersberger, Deb Klavohn, Dennis Keough, Duane Wesolick, Elizabeth Haynes, Pam Bell, Linda Dyke, Christy Deaver, Thom Brooks, Linda Venturo, Scott Cline, Scott Baker, Toni Knott, Ryan Schwiebert

Agenda: Student Opinion Survey (added) Server updates incl. Moodle server, Portal, WordPress, Online HS student orientation. Presidium update, NCCCS-UNC 2+2 report. LOR Equella, Web-Conferencing. **Postponed:** Online Course Readiness, Apple iTunes

Notes:

Discussion on Keough's plan to survey all WC, HY, and OH class sections. Since this is not done for seat-based classes we decided not to conduct surveys for all online class sections. Selection of online courses to be surveyed will follow the procedure for seat-based courses.

Keough mentioned that the WordPress (Blog) server is on-line and ready for users. A workshop is planned for April 2nd. A discussion about the Moodle server followed regarding NCCCS use of Moodle. Keough mentioned that an introductory Moodle seminar is planned for March 26th.

Ryan S. mentioned that the beta-testing of the Portal is continuing.

Linda V. reports that she has received no replies to her request for feedback from stakeholders regarding a proposal for creating an online HS orientation. Linda will follow up with Keough about next steps.

A discussion about Presidium (help-desk) followed. Presidium fielded 166 help requests in January '08. A committee member asked for a follow-up regarding Presidium help-desk for Continuing Ed' Moodle users. Keough will follow-up with Presidium on this issue.

Keough handed out a diagram of the SCC ITV-Fiber build-out so everyone can see what is still not connected. Dave K. suggested the diagram indicate the fiber is SCC fiber, not Balsam West. Keough will make the suggested change.

Keough informed the committee about the NCCCS plans to adopt "Illuminate" as their web-conferencing tool of choice. Ryan S. mentioned that non-proprietary tools are available at less cost.

Keough presented the NCCCS/UNC 2+2 initiatives and informed the committee about the technology that will likely be used including LOR, CMS, and Web-Conferencing.

Discussion regarding an online plagiarism tool called SafeAssign versus Turnitin followed. Turnitin is higher cost vs. SafeAssign. Both platforms work with Blackboard, but Turnitin is capable of working outside the Bb environment, whereas SA only functions within Bb. Toni and Linda V. will continue to investigate a possible change from Turnitin to SA and will report to committee next time we meet.

Next meeting: TBA

Items for Next Agenda: Online Course Readiness (Barb'), Apple iTunes (Scott Baker), Turnitin vs. SafeAssign (Toni). Update Online HS student orientation. Presidium & Moodle Support.