September 2011 Meeting Notes

September 19, 2011

Attending: Cheryl Diermyer (Madison), Pat Fellows (Colleges), Kerry Huberty (Oshkosh), Jim Jorstadt (LaCrosse), Joseph Kmich (Superior), Alan Ng (Madison), Leif Nelson (Green Bay), Lisa Larson (Superior), Gene Leisz (Eau Claire), Mary-Alice Muraski (River Falls), Mary Mielke (Point), Renee Pfeifer-Luckett (Whitewater), John Thomson (Madison), Jessica Franson (Eau Claire), Lisa Larsen (Superior), Karen Skibba (Whitewater), Lorna Wong (UWSA)

Co-chairs: Lorna Wong and Mary-Alice Muraski

Note Taker: Karen Skibba

Business Meeting - 2:00-2:30pm

Updates & Discussion

EDUCAUSE Fellowship

Good opportunity to get professional development funds to attend EDUCAUSE programs. The summer leadership institute and ELI conference are highly recommended. Application due September 26. If you can't take advantage of this opportunity this year, mark your calendar to apply for next year.

Grant monies are applied first to registration fees, then to transportation and housing costs. Additional information and a link to the application form are located at http://www.educause.edu/awards/fellow

Joint LTDC/D2L Meeting

Please join us at UW-Green Bay for the joint Fall meeting on Oct 24 (D2L focused) & Oct 25 (LTDC focused). Planning meeting takes place September 21 at noon. Planning wiki at: [Fall_2011_LTDC/D2L_F2F_Meeting](#)

We want as much participation as possible. We are going to get you involved somehow – so why not volunteer! Please volunteer on the registration form.

Please fill out the registration form below no later than Friday, Oct 8. Hotel reservations need to be made by the same deadline.

http://goo.gl/oDvbY

LMS Exploratory Task Force

An LMS Exploratory Task Force was appointed by the Learn@UW Exec Committee Sept 2010. A final report of this yearlong study was presented to the Exec Committee and UWS CIOs and recently to the provosts. The report is now open to the public. Please read in case faculty have questions and assure them that we will not change LMS systems easily. The LTDC is mentioned often in the report as important to helping to shape the LMS. The report is live on the following website:

http://www.wisconsin.edu/olit/luwexec/projects/exploratorytask/

Feel free to distribute. Note that there are 7 recommendations. First recommendation is to do an RFI for a new system

before 2013. Will extend contract with D2L until see what is going on in the LMS market since there is a lot of changes taking place right now so want to wait until more is know before start to heavily investigate other options. However, if faculty or a college wants to try out an alternative LMS, we encourage them to do so to get more information and see if feasible. The LTDC is mentioned as the most logical unit to monitor this type of development. In addition, we need to investigate what campuses are doing regarding content management to find out where faculty store content and what is the strategy for content management.

Regional Showcase

The first regional showcase for the West Region (Platteville, Madison, Colleges, Lacrosse) will take place Oct. 7th at Platteville. Currently keeping registrations local right now but if there are openings, they will open registrations. Can follow on twitter at #LTDCWRS

Technologies

- Language Packs: Think about how widely it will be used to discuss options and see if should move forward. We will only use for a couple of courses and need a variety of languages. D2L is working on a new pricing model so don't worry about the cost right now. Need to know campus interest and if need other languages. D2L can develop a language in 3 months.

- Capture System: Trial is extended for a semester so can start in January. Need feedback on what is the interest in this system.

- Kaltura Pilot: Offering a full year of Kaltura pilot this academic year. Please try to get faculty to try out this system. Will be asking for additional funding beyond spring 2012. D2L is launching new features to integrate with Kaltura so want to extend pilot for another year. This will be at least a year or two pilot. We have spots for 500—currently only at 125.

- Collaborate Rollout: Available to all campuses. Training sessions available at: https://wiki.uww.edu/other/uws-bbcollaborate/

Collaborative Sharing

2:30 to 3:00pm

Alan Ng (Madison) provided a demo of Syntax Untangler. Key points shared:

- Developed as part of a UW System Curricular Redesign grant, this software allows faculty to easily write content to help students how to figure out tricky texts in any language.
- When learners see a foreign language, they expect the same order to be the same as their own language.
- Students understand individual words but not order and miss the meaning.
- This software is not just useful for languages, but also to detangle programming languages and chemistry applications.
- The software is deployed on public url.

He would like the LTDC to be advocates to promote this software. He would be happy to share what is created and create a library of resources

http://courses.dcs.wisc.edu/untangler/