

Learn@UW Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting April 22, 2011, 10am - noon

Attended in Madison: Lorna Wong, Chris Clements, Barbara Barnet, Jeanne Blochwitz, Rovy Branon

Attended via Conference Call: Gene Leisz, Kathy Pletcher, Doug Wahl, Kathleen Enz-Finken, Alan Aycock, Al Hartman, Aaron Brower, Mary Alice Muraski

Absent: Stephen Kolison, David Schejbal, Ed Meachen, Peter Mann

Action Items:

ALL:

- Mark your calendar for July Retreat – July 21 & July 22, Location TBD
- Send agenda topic for retreat to Al or Lorna

Al

- Revise the Process to develop CSRG budget for Academic Systems document as discussed at the meeting
- Note to Ed regarding protecting Academic Systems from across-the-board cut in CSRG budget

Al & Lorna

- Develop agenda for retreat

Lorna

- Arrange for D2L Analytics Demo/Discussion for Learn@UW EC for July
- Coordinate July retreat logistics
- Coordinate D2L site-visit for May 31 – Jun 2

Meeting Notes

Learn@UW Update - Jeanne

CSRG academic systems budget reduction adjustment

Learn@UW has completed an internal review to deal with the 10% CSRG budget reduction. Does not anticipate appreciable service reduction, but will not be able to handle any surge of service, or unanticipated storage growth etc. Accelerated purge and leveling off growth plus disk duplication can help. May need to ask for contingency funding support for any unexpected service needs.

The EC noted that such cut should not apply to Academic Systems, and that the impact should be assessed prior to the reduction.

L@UW Major Projects for the next 6 months:

- Jeanne shared a L@UW planning document with the EC.
- D2L Upgrade to version 9.2 in June
- Hardware upgrade on 7/6 (Sat) will have major outage – to replace 4 year old hardware, also in preparation of SQL server 2008 upgrade
- WI Federated Authentication Project – to replace the IAA Hub by Dec. Currently Madison and UWSA are on WFID. RF, WW, and GB are the next campuses. Plan to do most work in summer and complete by early Fall. Project is delayed due to competing resources with HRS. Need to make sure Ed is aware.
- Course Clean-up making some progress
- e-Portfolio implementation for production will start
- Platteville is requesting for a new sub-org functionality for their distance learning programs
- SLA is finally updated and being reviewed by site-admins
- Semester goes pretty well so far, a couple of emergency outages due to disk storage issues
- There will be a Support Lead retirement in June – recruitment has started
- Web Dav incompatibility with Shibboleth is being resolved with workaround. Will need long term solution within a year

Web Conference RFP – Kathy

- The Web Conference RFP for instructional system with integration to D2L concluded with Elluminate being the winner.
- A negotiation team finalized a contract before the end of March with favorable costs but was not able to sign because of CSRG complications.
- Ruth Ginzberg is continuing to finalize the contract. Verbal agreement from BB indicates that they will honor the previous agreed terms.
- Contract yet need to be signed.

[Update: Contract is signed with the same terms negotiated earlier. Lorna is now working on an implementation plan]

CSRG Budget Outcome – Al & Kathy

- Academic Systems Budget committee (AL, Chris, Peter, Lorna) submitted the budget requests on behalf of the L@UW EC in Dec. Learn@UW, D2L eP and Web Conferencing were approved. R&D was rejected.
- CSRG went through their normal approval process and chancellors approval in Feb.
- CSRG decided to revisit the budget in March, provisionally approved the items above, but asked for the Provosts' final approval in April.

CSRG Budget Process Review

- All agreed a formalized process will reduce confusion.
- Discussed the draft document Al sent out. Needs some revision as Provosts normally do not in general involve in CSRG approval process. Al will send

revised copy to EC.

- Kathleen - the provosts seemed to be getting information in bits and pieces, not in one concerted conversation.
- Aaron - different campuses have different needs.
- Kathy - the provosts are normally in support of any academic systems for CSRG since it is such a small portion of the total budget.
- Chris – is there any way for L@UW EC to share our projects and work more regularly. Faculty presence will be good as well to report on pilot projects experience, usage etc.
- Al – get a draft of our Budget request process to the provosts at their Sept meeting (after our retreat).

D2L Analytics – Lorna

- D2L has a new Director of Analytics and Innovation – AL Essa (previously CIO at MSNSCU)
- Moving in a more aggressive direction
- Will release version 1.3 in summer for self-hosted clients (e.g. UWS), mainly for data extraction
- Spring 2012 release will have full reporting tool and dash board interface
- Willing to give UWS a demo – using UWS data in a live course to predict at-risk student in a course.
- L@UW EC is interested in engaging a deeper discussion in July retreat

Report on LMS Exploratory Task Force – Lorna

- The group engaged Delta Initiatives for consultation in Feb. Very informative session. Recorded session available on the L@UW EC D2Lcourse site. Not for public viewing. Only for L@UW EC.
- Task force is engaging in initial draft of report, with a target date to present to the Task Force at the July Retreat
- Main recommendations: D2L is a sound and robust LMS (compared to current players), Market is seeing some rather disruptive changes in new players, and text book publishers new initiatives. Not a good time to do any formal evaluation (RFPs) the next two years. Should be vigilant and start RFI process in ~2013.

D2L Site-Visit before end of year (May 31-June 2)

- D2L site-visit occurs regularly – 2002, 2005, 2008.
- A good way to engage vendor's attention, learn their roadmap, and put forward UWS's diverse needs. See Objectives of visit posted on the D2L course site.
- It is a good time to visit this year – to present the faculty survey results and to reinforce LMS task force recommendation
- UWS plans to sponsor 7-8 people representing various areas – Al asked for

- interests from the group – Mary Alice Muraski, Linda Jorn.
- Agenda being developed.

[Update: Members of the D2L site-visit team – Ed Meachen, Lorna Wong, Kathy Pletcher, Linda Jorn, Barb Barnet, Jeanne Blochwitz, Dan Voeks, Andy Speth.]

July Retreat

- Dates – July 21-22
- Location – Madison?
- Agenda – Lorna and Al will develop

**Respectfully submitted,
Lorna Wong
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