Learn@UW Executive Committee Meeting
August 1, 2011, 1pm – 4:15pm
(as part of the original planned retreat in July)
Pyle Center, Madison

Attended: Lorna Wong, Chris Clements, Barbara Barnet, Jeanne Blochwitz, Mary-Alice Muraski, Alan Aycock, Ed Meachen, Peter Mann, Aaron Brower, Jane Henderson(for Doug Wahl), Gregory Trudeau(for David Schejbal), Kathleen Enz-Finken (remote)

Guests: Al Essa and Hanan Ayad– from D2L

Absent: Stephen Kolison, David Schejbal, Doug Wahl

Action Items:

ALL:
• Mark your calendar for Sept 12 Meeting in Madison, Location TBD

Lorna
• Work with LMS Task Force on the revised recommendation language on the LMS Task Force report and send to Al for review and distribution to the EC
• Coordinate Sept 12 meeting logistics

Al
• Convene the Learning Analytics Subcommittee to discuss the next steps
• Review the revised LMS task report (Lorna will send) and send to EC for approval

Al & Lorna
• Develop agenda for Sept 12 Meeting

Meeting Notes

D2L Presentation on Learning Analytics Development and Potential Partnership with UWS- Al Essa and Hanan Ayad

• D2L is doing aggressive development on the Learning Analytics front, based on the existing product for hosted clients. Will release a version at the end of summer that can be deployed by self-hosted clients – such as UWS
• D2L is focusing on developing Student Success System (SSS) prototypes, has done serious research, aimed to surpass the 'Signal' System (from Purdue) in effective predictive modeling.
• Targeting installation Spring 2012, and ready for production Fall 2012

- D2L is seeking 3-5 partner institutions to do a pilot and co-develop the SSS system for a variety of audience – pilot will initially target one or two large enrollment gateway or entry level courses where measuring student success during the course for retention is critical
- Al Essa is offering a pilot partnership to UWS – proposal of resources needed from UWS will be sent (can be found on the D2L course site)

Learn@UW EC discussion:
- Analytics has been discussed and is definitely something of interest to many stakeholders.
- The volume of data currently available in the LMS (D2L) system is a data source of tremendous value
- What is the best approach to leverage this opportunity - to ensure we engage in a meaningful pilot, resources well-spent, what are we looking for as low hanging fruit, who should be involved, how to solicit campus participation.
- A small volunteer subcommittee is formed: Al, Chris, Peter, Mary Alice, Alan Aycock, Lorna
- Al will convene a meeting with the group and report back to the EC on Sept 12

LMS Task Force Report – Final Draft
- Sent to the EC prior to the Meeting – will be loaded on the D2L course site
- Members presented on the Recommendations – Peter, Barb, Jane and Lorna
- The Report and recommendations were well received by the EC members present.
- Discussion revolved around Recommendations 1 &2: While these are sound course of actions, it may not be appropriate for such specifics to be distributed in a public version that will be read by many external audience, including vendors.
- Some language revision were suggested by the EC to eliminate the specifics on years of extension and timing of a potential RFP.
- Lorna will take this back to the Task Force, finalize the recommendations, send the revised version to Al , who will distribute to the EC. Distribution strategy to other audience will be further discussed after.

L@UW Budget for FY12
- Peter reported that CSRG has revised the budget for FY12, portion of the funding on the original 10% cut on DoIT services was restored to the Academic Systems budget.
- This is good news as the restored funding translates to no reduction of services.

Next Meeting – retreat and business meeting:
Sept 12, 2011 - Madison (location TBD) -

Respectfully submitted,
Lorna Wong
Sept 11, 2011