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