Learn@UW Executive Committee Meeting
Wed, May 21 at 1pm – 4pm
Madison – Room 126B, 780 Regent Street
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Attended: Chris Clements, Lorna Wong, Renee Pfeifer-Luckett, Barb Barnett, Rovy Branon, Peter Mann, Dan voeks, Sasi Pillay, Linda Jorn, Dave Dumke, Doug Wahl, Tanya Joosten, Remote: Bob Hoar, AL Hartman
Absent: Stephen Kolison

Meeting Notes – not in the actual order of meeting discussion

- Learn@UW status updates – 15 min

    o V10.3 Upgrade schedule/unresolved issues – Peter & Dan
    Updgrade is scheduled for June 4 & 5 for UWS, and 6/10&11 for UM. We are on track with one unresolved issue - export of grades to student info systems is not working yet. D2L is working on testing a fix, which they hope will be available in next couple of weeks. It will affect summer classes when usage is relatively lower. This feature is offered as a customization for UW System. We have impressed upon the vendor on the urgency of fix. The EC does not feel this will be a showstopper for the upgrad based on feature used by 8 schools and only about 25% of usage in the summer.

    o Learn@UW quarterly reporting for the budget – Peter
    Peter reported that from the 3rd quarter report, the Academic Systems budget will be over by $110,000 overall, or 2.5% of the FY14 budget. This is number comes from a combination of factors including the $ 25,000 shortage on the Kaltura Implementation, but also related to infrastructure and storage being used more extensively than expected; also related to platform hosting – added due to vendor recommendation associated with new features after the V10.1 upgrade. Some offset also resulted from the Learning Analytics hardware estimate.

    The 3rd quarter report was sent to CSRG. Lorna just forwarded to the EC as well. Peter and Lorna will respond to CSRG if additional questions arise.

    o Question from Dave about the progress in (QA environment) - Dan
    D2L is building out a test lab facility with extensions to more closely replicate UWS infrastructure. Dan has been working with D2L on a project plan, hardware is being acquired, anonymization script is in development and testing should begin shortly. Our contract dictates the completion timeline to be 60 days after receiving anonymized data. Lorna reported the registrars were informed of the transport of data to D2L.

- o Question from Dave – Lorna
  Continuity and Availability Report feedback from D2L – Report was sent to D2L in the Fall. Craig Wahl from D2L responded by scheduling a meeting to discuss in February, but he cancelled the meeting and has not rescheduled yet.

- Engagement with CSRG on Academic Systems Budget – Lorna –
There was no engagement. The initial plan to engage with the CSRG strategy planning exercise with Don Norris did not happen in May because of schedule conflicts. Since CSRG is already moving in the direction of separating Operations with Innovation, which is what we are advocating. Lorie Docken consulted with Sasi Pillay and Steve Wildeck. The conclusion is that a better time to engage would be in the Fall, prior to the next budget cycle. We would have a better conversation with more information from the Roadmap on future needs.

- Integration Study Task Force briefing – Dave Dumke
  - o Dave agreed to chair a task force as charged by the EC: to review how we integrate with LMS; develop functional and technical requirements for the upcoming RFP, make recommendations about how to proceed with our current integrations. Dave drafted a charge document – sent to the EC on May 2. Dave commented that he included some work to understand the added value of previous work on SAIP project (stds based integration) to get better understanding of the needs for this type of work and alternatives. Currently Dave is assembling the members of the Task Force. The goal is to finish the work with some recommendations by December 2014. Current members include Peter, Dan, Diane Landry, MILER consulting rep, DoIT Architect. Will need someone from SIS Exec Committee.

- Faculty Survey Results (preliminary) – Al Hartman
Faculty Survey Committee include: Barb, Lorna, Renee, Peter and Al . All were actively engaged in the project. AL distributed a brief summary before the meeting.

There were 1505 completed responses, over 3000 comments overall. Use has increased since the 2010 study. The survey went out after right after the January upgrade. Many respondents were displeased with the timing of the upgrade and many didn't know how to use things they were accustomed to, which influenced satisfaction with D2L. A significant number indicated they preferred more rich media - video/educational clips to help them to learn functions. Active learning, flipped classrooms support are also mentioned. 90% of the comments were positive about support; not many use mobile interface; 58% use grade export system that was talked about earlier; 70% find it easy to use in meeting needs.

The committee will craft recommendations from this to be ready for the July retreat discussion. The plan to release the report after the retreat with recommendations to inform the RFP for LMS needs. Individual campus data will be distributed after.

Tanya would like to be able to include some of the findings as data for the Roadmap Report which is also targeted for July retreat. We will make an early draft available.

Dave suggested we should share the feedback with D2L and get their responses on the comments and get their response.

- Academic Technology Roadmap - Tanya Joosten & Task Force
    o Brief report on status of project
    o Details of Summit Event on June 4 & 5

Since the last EC meeting, the Task Force has moved along with the project with many actions: Made contact with provosts and nominated a campus liaison, who oversees selection of campus reps and has access to relevant campus info and data; also did national environmental scan of what's going on with learning technologies; task force reviewed them on Friday, document analysis in identifying common issues; we will be receiving an internal and external report; one important goal is to engage people from across campus in discussing academic systems; organized series of 4 lightning round panels around learning technologies and themes across campuses; plus 6 break-out groups to talk about 6 driving ideas that came out of internal and external scan (e.g., what are our future needs around learning technologies?) ; note takers for each session; will use the data from the summit in the Roadmap Report

Sample session topics:
Building the capacity to explore emerging technologies (research driven practice)
Big data analytics and assessment of learning
What's the future of the LMS
What's happening as best practice in other systems

- Unizin Idea (Linda Jorn) – Internet2 Learning Technology Ecosystem; member only university-owned consortium to design an ecosystem that all members can use; what is it and why join it?

    ➢ Suite of tools and services that can be changed
    ➢ Owned Content <--> Software Platform<-->Analytics

    ➢ What are the common languages (stds and integration) that would allow us to share content?

- ➢ Can create clubs around shared areas of interest
- ➢ Four institutions have joined so far ($1M investment over 3 years – will hire tech people and Exec Dir, contracting with Canvas) – Indiana, Michigan, Florida, Colorado State; Wisconsin, UT Austin, Oregon State, Illinois, Purdue, Maryland, NW, Chicago, Iowa, Utah all considering
- ➢ Why join? Control our destiny by leading; so we can plan, design, execute and build our learning technology ecosystem to best attain our vision; exercise _____ so we can control our teaching and learning mission

A healthy discussion took place about the costs and benefits of being part of the Unizin idea, and trying to figure out just what exactly Unizin is. Is committing to Canvas going to impact what the ecosystem looks like? Linda says it's important to understand that Unizin is much bigger than Canvas; that's just one part of it

- Announcements/Membership Update – 10 min

- Summer Retreat Planning – Chris, Lorna & all – 20 min
    - o July 28-July 29, Lowell Center, Madison
    - o Future UW System Learning Ecosystem, sharing of Roadmap and update on Unizin (Steve Zlotolow, Phil Hill – consultants' report after Roadmap)

After 3:30 pm

Short Video Capture on "**What is the importance of having a roadmap for academic technology?**

We like to hear from most of you, especially if you will not be attending the Roadmap event on June4 & 5.