

## Academic Technology Committee Meeting

March 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 @ 2:00 pm

Committee Members	Present
Mary Myers	✓
Mark Trask	✓
Dr. Robert Beeson	✓
Tatiana Arzivian (Collier, Mathematics)	A
Connie Allen (Lee, Science)	✓
William Dwyer (Lee, Education, BAS)	✓
Myra Walters (Lee, Communications)	✓
Scott VanSelow (Lee, Computer Information Systems)	✓
Ellie Bunting (Lee, English)	✓
Martin Dubetz (Lee, Networking, BAS)	✓
Rona Axelrod (Lee, Mathematics)	✓
George Manacheril (Charlotte, Science)	✓
Jamie Marecz (Lee, College Prep)	A
Andrae Jones (Charlotte)	✓
Robert Anderson (EOL)	A
Bret Boher (Technology, Collier)	A
Monique Ward (A.A. & Tech. Lee)	✓

Mary welcomed the committee. We are getting our feet wet, seeing our charge. Scott and Mary need to meet to set the mission.

### Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve, Mark approved, Bob seconded the motion

### Discussion of TK20.com

It's a comprehensive way to measure outcomes across the college. Fairly expensive, time to implement but could be a great way to measure what we do at the college. Deans Council approved but it came back to this committee. Mary asked everyone to visit the website and see if you support it. It's comprehensive and user-friendly. It integrates with banner. You can email the students, send assignments, get rid of Unit planning software SPOL. It could reduce costs by eliminating other systems. Scott says a demo of Blackboard's version of the software. Blackboard already integrates with LMS. TK20 does not currently. It will depend what LMS we choose. Jason Dudley said the Blackboard product is not as robust as TK20. If we use the Blackboard and we don't use that LMS we can lose information. SAC committee will also look at the product. There are 3 systems to evaluate, Mary asked the committee to send their evaluations to her.

## **Canvas pilot**

Canvas is a new system, endorsed by FLDLC. The other option is to go with Blackboard 9.1. We will pilot canvas this summer. A representative sample of faculty were chosen to pilot the product.

Canvas is open source and employs many Web 2.0 tools. Blackboard is strong but we need to evaluate other systems. George has been checking out the canvas website. He is experiencing some difficulty with the website. George will be added to the pilot. The most important aspect of LMS is test editor. Excruciatingly slow to respond. Images for questions: need URL not from files. Question editor is insufficient. He believes it would be few steps backwards. He is using the 7 day trial. Melissa Rizzuto will discuss issues with George. These are valid concerns. Scott would like to also pilot Blackboard 9. Build in both platforms? We should pilot both so that we have a valid comparison. Mary moves to build in both platforms.

## **SmartBoard Training**

Mark Trask discussed the training session that was held the Friday prior to spring break, 2-5PM. We will bring the trainer back. She is a local instructor in Lee County. More Smartboards will be installed on each campus.

Mark presented a modification of an instructional document for using Microsoft Exchange. He would like to send this out to faculty. IT was successfully able to import Portal email contacts into Outlook, so it seems as if the move to one email system should now be attainable.

## **Course Development Procedures**

Rona will head the sub-committee. The charge is to review the policies for campus wide course development

Monique Ward, Ellie Bunting, Myra Walters and Rona Axelrod will serve on the committee.

## **Open Discussion**

Scott asked if there's compensation for course development for the LMS pilot. He suggests an open invitation to faculty to participate in the pilot of the LMS. Mary wants to keep it a focused group but she will send an invitation out to faculty. Scott wanted to know if IT is onboard with the Canvas pilot. He asked about survey for LMS evaluation. Mary asked committee members to provide survey questions. We need good questions for students and faculty in order to properly evaluate both Canvas and BB9.

The meeting concluded at 2:35PM

