

Academic Technology Committee

Meeting Minutes 11/18/11

Attendance

Name	Present	Absent without contribution / prior notification	Absent with contribution / prior notification
Andrae Jones		x	
Mark Savage	x		
Connie Allen	x		
Eleanor Bunting	x		
George Manacheril	x		
Jamie Marecz		x	
Steve Nice	x		
Martin Dubetz	x		
Mary Myers			proxy
Robert Anderson	x		
Rona Axelrod			x
Scott VanSelow	x		
Tatiana Arzivian	x		
William Dwyer	x		

For this meeting we tried using the conference tool integrated in Canvas, BigBlueButton. The audio proved to be unusable due to excessive echoing and delay. These are known

issues with the product as described at http://code.google.com/p/bigbluebutton/wiki/FAQ#Why_is_there_an_echo_in_the_voice_conference?. Consequently, the text chat feature was used for remote participants, transcript below. Other shortfalls of BigBlueButton were the inability to record, to poll, and to transfer the moderator.

The first agenda item was a survey update but Jamie Marecz was not present.

The next agenda item was a Tk20 Update. Prof. Martin Tawil spoke about the features and the pricing. Representatives from EOL said there may be some functional overlap with Canvas. It was decided to have a Canvas person, Tk20 person, and assessment person get together to compare features.

License \$75,000

Hosted server \$5,000/yr

Next was an update from the I.T. department regarding the current computer refresh program, the potential for expanding the pilot Citrix project for more classes and for faculty and staff, and the status of the faculty transition to Outlook. Steven Nice said that I.T. requests need to be prioritized due to staffing and cost constraints associated with moving data center and other infrastructure issues. The committee decided the main priority should be migrating to Office 2010 and Windows 7 for all faculty, staff, and labs. Regarding Citrix, use is being expanded to the library and based on how that goes I.T. will, with the cooperation of the committee, develop a 3-5 year plan. The next step regarding migrating to Outlook is to establish email quotas. A survey of users current mail storage will be conducted.

Following the I.T. update was a discussion regarding the committee's support of Canvas as the new learning management system. We looked at a Canvas site created by EOL to disseminate information regarding the trial at <https://edison.instructure.com/courses/36089>

Scott VanSelow and Mark Savage expressed some concerns regarding the product and the trial. A vote of support for Canvas passed.

BigBlueButton text chat transcript:

- 12:42 :
Welcome to Instructure's BigBlueButton Server.

For help using BigBlueButton <u>check out these videos</u>.

Connie Allen - 13:11 : There is a lot of feedback and it's difficult to understand you. In any given sentence, several words are not clear.

Connie Allen - 13:12 : Everyone who speaks needs to increase their volume. Can't understand Dobin or Melissa

George Manacheril - 13:12 : Since all the microphones are on, the sound is re-broadcasted repeatedly

Connie Allen - 13:12 : George, can you understand them? I can't

George Manacheril - 13:13 : No, I am trying hard to pick up words, but nothing is clear. Hi Connie

Connie Allen - 13:13 : The man that's talking now....can't understand him

George Manacheril - 13:14 : It is fairly clear now.

Connie Allen - 13:15 : It's getting a little better to understand him now.

Prof. Scott VanSelow - 13:21 : I've tried isolating the mic that is closest to him

Prof. Scott VanSelow - 13:21 : I will ask Dobin and Melissa to speak up

Prof. Scott VanSelow - 13:25 : William said he put in a ticket a while ago and hasn't heard back

Prof. Scott VanSelow - 13:25 : Dobin asked about the %

Connie Allen - 13:26 : Dobin is still difficult to hear

Connie Allen - 13:27 : In the future, maybe most of the people could sit in the front computers.

We can hear them much better.

Connie Allen - 13:33 : Thanks for the new view!

Melissa Rizzuto - 13:42 : <http://www.instructure.com/analytics>

Connie Allen - 13:49 : Thanks for trying to share your desktop Scott!

Connie Allen - 13:49 : Yea! I see it

Melissa Rizzuto - 13:50 : Course Link: <https://edison.instructure.com/courses/36089>

Connie Allen - 13:51 : Dobin: I finished college!

Connie Allen - 13:52 : Ellie needs to talk louder!

Connie Allen - 13:56 : I vote yes to adopt Canvas

George Manacheril - 13:56 : Can you repeat that motion please

George Manacheril - 13:56 : I vote to adopt Canvas too

Prof. Scott VanSelow - 13:56 : to endorse canvas as new lms

Prof. Scott VanSelow - 13:57 : thank you george

Prof. Scott VanSelow - 13:57 : thank you Connie

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