Learning Technologies Advisor Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2015
1:30 – 3:00
FLITE 05

Attendees: Amy Buse, Randy Vance, John Urbanick, Greg Wellman, Gary Maixner, Mary Holmes, Brian McDowell, Deb Thalner, Lisa Singleterry, Joshua Pardon, Terri Aldrich, Mike Ennis, Joe Strohkirch, Sharon DelBello.

1:30 Blackboard Update, Mary Holmes

Two FerrisConnect Servers have been having difficulties
  - Working with Vendor
  - Possibly a hosting issue
  - When taking an exam, the server will transfer, but will submit test first
  - Error with reporting the servers are down
  - 8-10 PM on a Sunday night FerrisConnect was down

October 2014 release is available on our DEV server
  - April 15 deadline to check out the DEV environment and give comments
  - Available at https://FSULearnDev.ferris.edu
  - Want to roll out prior to Summer semester, so around May 11-14
  - Jackie will send out the link, the checklist for testing, and the “What’s New” list
  - Need some testing on different browsers, including the Lockdown browser

1:45 Classroom to Classroom Connectivity Update, Jackie Hughes and Amy Buse

- Goal next fall is to have 3 different remote sites come together in one of Amy Buse’s classes.
  - In the testing phase
  - Trying to reduces costs to the students and to the departments
  - Students are required to go to a local community college to attend
- Runs on “Blue jeans” but the grant will run out.
- What are the standards for synchronous learning?
  - Adobe Connect?
- Lisa uses Lync through Office365? - Used for groups of about 5, done meetings with up to 15
  - All computer
  - Can bring users in through a guest account
  - Uses mobile tech
  - Typically at 1 to 1 (1 person 1 computer)
- Blackboard Collaborate
- Some teachers pay for their own GoToMeeting Account
- About a years ago, LTab made a list of “classroom to classroom” technology needs.
  - Wasn’t originally a “need-based analysis"
  - Focused on specific locations and with specific hardware

2:00 FerrisConnect Link Name - Vote

- Discussion about logo
  - Unanimous that we will be going with the BB logo
  - We have permission and they sent us the newest version
- Discussion about link name
  - Striking MyClasses and MyCourses from the pool
  - 6 for FerrisConnect
  - 9 for Blackboard
  - 6 for Course Portal
- Discussion of when and what will change in the new "MyFSU"
  - Voting for a phased in approach. We need to define Phase-In?
    - Yes - 5
    - No - 9

2:15 Learning Technologies Inventory Update
- Jackie met with Paul Blake
- He wants to know what are the tools are specifically
- Jackie has the document, it does not live anywhere right now
- Meeting with EMAT and SPARC in the coming weeks

2:30 Lecture Capture System Review Progress Update
- 19 people on the committee
- Has a list of vendors
- Have a schedule written up
- Have demos set-up for Echo 360 and MediaSites
  - Trying to get the remainder of the vendors to visit in April
- Asking vendors to record their sessions, to see how it works
- Vendors get the names of other vendors and get a copy of the Rubric
  - MediaCore is not listed here
  - Looking at the software components now, but some of the products may require a hardware component

2:45 miBUG, Mary Holmes
- Blackboard Ultra - Releasing late 2015, trying to push their own hosting
- Blackboard World Conference 3rd week in July
- On target for May 28th upgrade to MyFSU
- Blackboard icon may be moving

Emergency Text Messaging Exercise scheduled for Thursday at 10:30 AM. Emailing students and faculty.

Next Meeting April 23rd