FerrisConnect Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2010

In attendance: Meegan Lillis, Randy Vance, Susan Hastings-Bishop, John Urbanick, Emily Mitchell, Brad McCormick, Eunice Merwin-Beck, Amy Buse, Bill Knapp, Robbie Teahen, John Schmidt, Gloria Lukusa-Barnett, Mike Berghoef, Mary Holmes

1. Technical Updates (Mary)
   a. Vista 8.04 is available in the test environment – Mary sent out an email with login information just this afternoon.
   b. The plan is to put this version into production August 5th if there are no issues that arise during our testing.
   c. NOTE: If you have an apostrophe in your name, you cannot use the chat or who’s online tools – there is a glitch, Blackboard is aware of it, and will give us a fix; however, we have 350 users with an apostrophe in their name so we cannot put this into production until Blackboard supplies the fix.
   d. This update is supposed to fix the persistent user issue, but we will not know if this is the case until we are live in production with the update.

2. FerrisConnect 2.0 Report (Bill)
   a. Last time we met, we spoke about possibly having two pilots, one for Moodle and one for Blackboard Learn 9.1.
   b. Bill found some evaluations done by other institutions to assist us with criteria if we go forward with the pilots.
      i. University of North Carolina at Charlotte
         http://lmseval.uncc.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=1
      ii. We may have to take some of these categories and drill down further to get the specific results we are looking for, e.g. functionality of the tools not just whether the tools are available.
   c. Potential Pilot timeline:
      i. Training September – December 2010 for Moodle
      ii. Spring 2011 – run Moodle pilot
      iii. Training May – August 2011 for Blackboard 9
      iv. Fall 2011 – run Blackboard 9 pilot
   d. Pilot Criteria
      i. Costs
         1. Hosting
            a. Sandboxes for semester prior to pilot for trainer(s) and faculty
         2. Training
         3. Faculty release time or stipends
4. Student support
   ii. Pilot subcommittee:
       1. Chair: Meegan Lillis
       2. Mary Holmes
       3. Kimn Carlton-Smith
       4. Brad McCormick