Learning Technologies Advisory Board meeting
January 31, 2013
11:00-12:00
Present: Emily Mitchell, Mary Holmes, Jackie Hughes, Scott Randle, John Urbanick, Randy Vance, Jody Gardei, Deb Thalner, Mike Ennis, Deb Thalner

1. FerrisConnect Space Allocation Issues
   a. Back in December, FerrisConnect was having a problem where users could login but weren’t able to upload files.
   b. It turns out the grid controller was down.
   c. This problem has been resolved.

2. Blackboard Collaborate
   a. EMAT hosted a demo of Blackboard Collaborate on November 15, 2012.
   b. There are some vocal faculty members who want Ferris to purchase it.
   c. Many of Collaborate’s functions are covered piecemeal by other tools, including AdobeConnect.
   d. Whatever new email system Ferris ends up going with will probably also include some collaborative tools/capabilities.
   e. We don’t have the budget for Blackboard Collaborate right now, but the need for synchronous meetings with distant participants is rising on EMAT’s radar.
   f. Jackie said she would draft an email pointing out what tools we already have that cover various Collaborate functionalities.

3. L: Drive Access
   a. Ferris’ migration from Novell to Active Directory means that ITS is looking for a new home for the content currently stored on the L: drive (a shared Novell drive that even students can access).
   b. Some of the content is being used, but much of it is old. Some faculty members don’t even realize that they still have things stored there.
   c. Mary will send out a targeted email only to people who have content saved on the L: drive.
      i. Email will include directions on accessing content.
      ii. It will begin a dialog with the users to make sure that content they still need will end up in a functional home (FerrisConnect, or…?)

4. iTunes U Update
   a. Previously, iTunes U content was being created and edited in Podcast Producer.
   b. Apple is no longer supporting that software.
   c. MediaCore is our replacement.
   d. The MediaCore plugin for Blackboard will be ready in one to two weeks.
   e. Our pilot contract will be extended on our receiving the plugin.

5. Clicker Replacement Committee Updates
   a. The Clicker Replacement Committee initially picked a week for product demos that conflicted with Ferris’ email demos.
      i. Clicker demos were postponed as a result.
   b. A new week for clicker demos is in the process of being determined.
   c. The committee also needs to set requirements for what Ferris is looking for.

6. Informational Updates
a. Re: Clickers: Blackboard now allows students to register their pad for more than one class very easily.
b. Construction is beginning on FLITE 405, which is going to be FCTL’s collaborative/web conferencing room.

7. Web conferencing and virtual classrooms
a. Is LTAB the place to get discussion of this topic going? Consensus seems to be yes.
b. Ferris is going to need a solution that can manage connecting scattered people to one another, as well as connecting classrooms to one another.
c. How can we deal with inconsistent technology at different ends of these connections?
d. Jackie will put web conferencing on the agenda for LTAB’s next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Next meeting: 11:00 on Tuesday, Feb. 26. in FLITE 438