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Learning Technologies Advisory Board Meeting
April 26, 2013, 10:00 A.M.
FLT 405

Attendance: Steve Costello, Mary Holmes, Sheila MacEachron, Jody Gardei, Kimn Carlton-Smith, Vel Pavlov, Greg Wellman, Erin Weber, Amy Buse, Mike Ennis, Deb Thalner, Randy Vance, Emily Mitchell, Joe Strohkirch, Scott Randle.

Clicker Review Committee Report and Recommendation:

A spreadsheet summarizing the review criteria and results of the review was distributed for discussion. 4 vendors were assessed against the review criteria.

Kimn Carlton-Smith noted that some aspects of the Poll Everywhere comments were inaccurate, and she clarified or corrected them.

Randy Vance summarized the key features that narrowed the choice to Turning Technologies and E-instruction CPS, and why Turning Technologies is being recommended. Turning Technologies offered the broadest array of polling methods and devices, including personally owned mobile devices such as web-enabled phones, tablets, netbooks, laptops, iPads. Turning Technologies will offer on-campus and webinar training at no cost, conversion of CPS content at no cost, instructor kits for all faculty adopting their product (user guide, ResponseCard, PresenterCard, USB storage receiver) and a $15 mail-in rebate for all Turning Technologies student device sales in Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. In addition, they will train and support the cost of a student technology intern up to 20 hours per week (this could be shared by two if desired, e.g. a Big Rapids campus intern and a Grand Rapids campus intern) to assist with training, and supporting the growing use of the technology. E-instruction’s new CPS WAVE product would require transfer of existing CPS content into a Blackboard course’s Test tool, and eliminate the ability to run different versions of a test simultaneously for the foreseeable future. E-instruction offered no specific program for how CPS content can be migrated to Blackboard – only that they “could help with that”. CPS WAVE will also enable a number of personally owned mobile devices that can use their vPad application.

Jackie clarified that the adoption of a university standard does not limit faculty from using other systems if they wish.

Jackie summarized the committee deliberations and recommendation, and moved that Turning Technologies’ Turning Point system be adopted as the university standard beginning Fall 2013. The vote was 12 Yes, no Nays, and 3 abstentions.

Classroom-to-Classroom Video Conferencing Technology Standard Proposal:

Joe Strohkirch passed out a draft document for discussion entitled FSU Technology Enhanced Conferencing. He used this document to guide a discussion where he explained the differences between teleconferencing, video conferencing and web conferencing.

We also talked about the classroom-to-classroom video conferencing technology standard proposal. The people on the Locations subcommittee recommends that we start with Lansing, Clinton Township, Traverse City Dowagiac, Flint and FSU/GR (the ATC at GRCC). Vel Pavlov has already emailed Jackie Hughes a document describing our existing infrastructure so that we know what technology we currently have. The next step is to determine what needs our faculty have for video conferencing. Amy Buse, Erin Weber, Joe Strohkirch and Andrew Peterson is on the Needs / Requirements / Criteria sub-committee and will report back at our next LTAB meeting.