LTAB Minutes: 10/09/2013

Attendees:
Jackie Hughes, Emily Mitchell, Tara McCrackin, John Urbanick, Brendan Fleishans, Amy Buse, John R. Schmidt, Jody Gardei, Joshua Pardon, Scott Randle, Mary Holmes, Joseph Strohkirch, Robbie Teahen, Andrew Peterson

LTAB 10/09/13 3:00pm-4:30pm

3:03pm- Meeting Commenced

Jackie- Video conferencing technology update

• Thanks to John and Amy
• Pilot program with Amy
  o Set up before before break- January
• Goal for pilot
  o Needs assessment
  o Undefined-evolving
  o Virtual access for Saturday?
  o Classroom to classroom
  o Need-person there to assist at distance classroom
• Report back in May about findings from pilot
• Joe- Polycom- point to point- no multiple point capabilities yet
  o Scope is scalable as the need evolves- gain knowledge and experience at small scale to begin
  o Not sure about equipment and access in other areas/ locations.
• Jackie- Amy has already identified network infrastructure challenges

Moving forward with pilot before we move forward on making decisions. More informed decision. Amy is not sure what the goals are- connection was not strong enough to be sustained. (On and off campus).

John- “I imagine one of the goals” is to teach the class once to all the groups as a success point. Amy says currently the schedule is out for 2 sectors for the 2 locations (for 5 areas). Amy says she needs technical support for a distance- needs a person “on the ground” to support the other location.

Amy and John need to get together.

Joe- 1st phase- controlled test- on campus from 2 enabled rooms.

    ATC Labs in Grand Rapids
Mtg. will be scheduled for Amy, etc.

Emily Mitchell - learning for 8UN1 on Friday

- Mari will be replacing her on LTAB
- Potentially a browser issue with this project and BB
- FLITE - reach students where they are, simple user interface
- Remove barriers from current system
- iFrame being developed for Blackboard
- Smart search featured - “centralized to lure back from Google”
- Discussion on communicating to faculty - add to resource tab
- Could be available for Kendall - simple coding - maybe FLITE resources
  o Kendall library resources

Amy Buse - Java update, i.e.9, how are we keeping informed? How do we inform students?

www.ferris.edu/ferrisconnect

- Communicates browser recommendations
  o Troubleshooting - check browsers
- Supported browsers on FerrisConnect?
  o MyFSU login screen?
- How does this get communicated?

Amy - expanded the conversation? Using a text pub

  Content manager - should this be allowed to work with one browser standards?

Jackie - jump off the cliff - accessibility?

Tech standards and communication

Scott - put it where the students will see it

Mary - √ and X - simplified in FerrisConnect

Amy - uninstall, reinstall

  “Can’t solve everyone’s problems”

Posted somewhere - how do I find it?

Process? “Update for Dummies”. UWN, FerrisConnect

  Centralized data - linked to “29” other sites - will put on the January LTAB agenda
John- Active Directory- accessing files is a challenge

- Wired or wireless connections- doesn’t matter
- Issues with disconnection
- Software? Hardware? Gremlins?

Vital Source Building Block- Jeff Pitts- Wiley Plus

- Wiley Plus vs. already being used by FSU in FerrisConnect- interactive

Vital Source essentially an e-book reader- if there is no Wiley Plus course built for it. Otherwise you would use Wiley Plus. Example of “Advanced Engineering” or “Advanced Math”.

- Wiley Plus is preferable- full e-book, assessment tools, assignments, etc.
- Focus- every discipline- not on the soft side
  o History, education, humanities
  o Lead areas in sciences, engineering, business

Wiley Plus can be used on up to 4 devices- can download it- so no need for internet access

Mary- what is FSU purchasing from Wiley? Do we need this? Jeff Pitts- unsure can check

All texts including custom texts are in vital source

Amy- how does Blackboard know if a student has purchased the e-text? First time login will have a key code as proof of purchase.

- Does the student have to purchase this through Wiley or other places as an e-reader?
- Can purchase key code in the bookstore, Wiley, or Vital Source. Vital Source is a permanent download- owned rather than rented.
  o Minimum of 60% off purchasing a hard copy off the shelf.
  o How many students use financial aid- can be supported by bookstore- will be marked up.
  o Can we monitor how much time is spent with the e-book? Because it is a download- no course smart does.
  o Don’t have a way to track time on task.

Concern about not having an archival book and takes them out of FerrisConnect?

Robbie- affordable education- yes $45 is good

- Faculty concerns- maybe offer e-book or hard copy/ print
- What is the policy for publisher e-book integration in FerrisConnect?
- Which vendors are preferred? How does the bookstore feel?
- Nook study is the only one currently turned on? Do we have a legal issue?
• Should be checked out for the legal process?

Robbie- Todd- Bill- to General Council

Turn on-1

Do not turn on- 8

Abstain- 3

Meeting adjoined 4:46pm