

Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 12, 2009 in EPC 304C

Members in attendance: David Anderson (Chair), Tabatha Becker, Yvonne Bogard, Radu Cascaval, Jackie Crouch, Nina Frischmann, Jan Kemper, David Moon (guest), Kirk Moore, Michael Reyes, Daniel Szarkowski, Jerry Wilson

OLD BUSINESS

1. IT Updates

Jerry reported that:

- a. There will be a meeting with Apple on March 24 to iron out some last issues with **iTunes U**. The site should be up for testing sometime this semester, with official rollout in the summer.
- b. Initial estimates of paper savings from **Paw Prints** (~40%) were much too conservative. The actual page count from fall '08 was 445 thousand pages, compared to fall '07 with 1.44 *million* pages. That's a decrease of *nearly 70%*.

Kirk reported that:

- c. As noted previously, Serena is no longer developing its **Collage** web content management system, and its desire to be bought out by someone has not come to fruition. Kirk provided us with a list of four other products that are currently being evaluated, with one—Ingeniux—leading the pack in terms of features, compatibility, and price. There will be on-campus demos of these systems in the next couple of weeks. Action needs to be taken soon, since our maintenance contract on Collage runs out at the end of May, and they want \$7K to continue it.

2. LMS Selection

David relayed to the council that a meeting is being set up with the Blackboard representative over spring break, to try to work out an affordable pricing structure.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Online FCQs

David Moon, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, described the history behind our present management of hard-copy FCQs through Boulder, and presented the possibility of moving to their online system. This would result in a considerable cost savings for us, not to mention eliminating the hassle of administering them in class and the cumbersome, time- and labor-consuming process of scoring and distributing them back to faculty. The online system is robust and secure, convenient for students to use and more timely and efficient for faculty to receive results. He explained that while the online system has generally a 20% lower response rate than that for hard copy, in studies of matched courses there was found no significant difference in neither means or nor

standard deviations. We need to make a decision by July 1 if we wish to implement this for fall.

2. Smart Boards

Yvonne inquired about the availability of smart boards on campus, explaining that when student teachers go out into the field, they sometimes find that the most advanced technology available is overhead projectors, and that it would be beneficial for those student teachers to take more technology into the field to introduce teachers to it. Several on the council suggested that while smart boards have some usefulness, they are expensive, large, and not easily transportable. A better solution is to use some kind of tablet device connected to a computer and projector.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next ITAC meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009, in EPC 304C.

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