Learning with Technology Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2008

In attendance: Melissa Thomas, Robin Hoffman, Stephen Ford, Thea McDowell, Paul Scovell, Sam Geleta, Regina Royer, Brent Zapowski (Senator) and Mou Chakraborti (guest from the library).

I. Approval of minutes. Minutes from the November 8 meeting were distributed, reviewed, and approved.

II. Senate news. The senate approved the name change to Learning With Technology Committee. They also approved the addition of a representative from the library to committee membership. The bylaws also included the change in scope of "Review and make recommendations to the University administration concerning the use of technology in face-to-face and online teaching and learning, including but not limited to planning and policies"

III. Reference management. Mou Chakraborti, from the library, shared a survey from Purdue University for the purpose of getting faculty input regarding citation management software. Mou will refine the survey to include questions similar to the following:
   a. If Salisbury University provided citation management software, how likely are you to use it? (never, regularly, etc)
   b. If you are likely to use citation management software, which citation management software would you most like the university to provide? (RefWorks, etc)
   c. Are you likely to include the use of citation management software into your teaching for students to use? (not likely, yes, occasionally, yes, regularly, etc)

Once the survey was refined Paul Scovell, and if needed assistance from Melissa Thomas, will put the survey online via the committee's website.

IV. Turning Point Update. Melissa and Robin met with key individuals in various departments (Classroom Technology, Bookstore, Registrar) to determine a process for integrating clickers into courses. In the new process, the registrar will send a list of “clicker capable” classrooms to administrative assistants. Faculty who want to use clickers will be asked to identify that need when the new semester’s schedule is created, so that those courses may be scheduled in “clicker capable” classrooms. Robin is also creating a Clicker web site to provide information, FAQ’s, the process for scheduling, etc. Beginning the Fall 2008 semester, the campus will move to Turning Point 2008. Workshops for TurningPoint 2006 for Summer I & Summer II use are on May 19 and May 29. Workshops for TurningPoint 2008 for Fall are scheduled for May 21, May 27 and August 11-12.

V. Turnitin VS Safe Assign. Blackboard has included Safe Assign in its program as part of current licences. SafeAssign is similar to Turnitin as it is a service where students submit papers and the papers are checked for unoriginal work by comparison to the Internet, ProQuest ABI/Inform databases, institutional repository of papers and global reference database of other institution's papers. This has currently been installed on campus and Melissa is seeking faculty to compare Turnitin to Safeassign. Thea McDowell volunteered and Melissa is seeking other faculty who can also compare the two products. Melissa sent a sample essay to both services and got similar results.
Next Meeting – April 17, 3pm HS 159
Items carried over to the next meeting
  - QM Peer reviews
  - Online assessment concerns
  - TETC and distance education update
  - Dedicated streaming media server

Submitted by Regina Royer