Learning with Technology Committee Meeting
September 20, 2007
Minutes

Those in attendance: Paul Scovell (filling unfilled Perdue Seat), Stephen Ford (At-Large), Jane Ma (TLR), Jerry Waldron (IT), Melissa Thomas (TLR), Brent Zaprowski (Senator), Sam Geleta (Henson) and Thea McDowell (At-Large). Absent: Regina Royer (Seidel) and Marta Losonczy (Fulton).

Sam Geleta accepted chairmanship for the semester.

Reports
1. Ref Works-Stephen Ford reporting. Currently there is a campus-wide trial for 60 days that ends Nov. 30, 2007. Mou Chakraborty, Head of Public Services in the Library, is the librarian that is currently working on the possible adoption of this product. There will be an on campus demo on Oct. 2, 11-12 noon in the library classroom, BL203. Ref Works does link with most of our currently owned data bases.
   a. Web of Science—a package that is being discussed for possible purchase on campus has free access to End Note (Web Version). End Note is a similar product to RefWorks that some SU faculty members are currently using.
   b. Cost considerations—need to obtain a price, if the price is over $5000, there would need to be comparable information from another product in order to purchase. Also need to check to see if there is a contract in another USM school.
   c. Are there promotional materials, CD’s etc, available? If so, could these be gotten for faculty to use for preview?
   d. Sam will send an email to faculty with demo date and time of the campus wide trial. Stephen will assist in getting info together for the email.
   e. If a package is purchased, a discussion of where the support will be housed will need to be had.
   f. Jerry suggested that the campus demo on October 2 be taped so that others on campus may view. Stephen will request that Mou follow up on this.
2. Clickers-Jane Ma and Jerry Waldron reporting. Thirty-five faculty are using clickers this semester. There were some problems in the first week, resulting in two faculty members deciding not to use them after their students had purchased them from the bookstore. This caused some problems at the bookstore, but these problems seem to have dissipated. Some faculty have stated the clickers are costing more than they were told they would, but the $40 cost was the anticipated price. Jane mentioned that she has noticed several reasons why faculty/students are having problems:
   a. Clickers not set on correct channel
   b. Non functioning clickers (Bookstore can test then now)
   c. Student registered wrong number on line in Gullnet
It was recommended that faculty run participant lists often during the first couple weeks of classes. Participant lists can be edited directly in Turning Point.
If a faculty member would like a clicker so they can try things out in their classrooms, Lucy Hearn has some to loan to faculty. In October there will be more workshops offered by TLR. Currently 30 rooms across campus are equipped, there may be more in the spring. It was suggested that there be an open meeting of faculty using the clickers to share concerns and to answer questions. Jane, Melissa and Jerry will discuss and set a date for this in October.

3. Course Eval software—Paul Scovell mentioned a software package that was piloted in the Fulton school in the spring. This package can be used for course and faculty evaluations and can be used for other surveys. The cost for unlimited campus wide use is $12,000 for the first year and $9600 each year after that. Further discussion of this may come up in future meetings.

Sam will contact all members to set a date for a future meeting near the middle of October.

Submitted by
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