Learning with Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 23, 2008
TETC 301

Those in attendance: Stephen Ford, (At-large), Sam Geleta, (HENSON), Dorothea McDowell, (At-Large), Claire Kew, (FULTON), Melissa Thomas, Jerry Waldron, Fatollah Salimian (PERDUE).

1. Minutes corrected with a deletion of the following sentence from item #4 regarding Course Eval product: “This agenda will only be considered by LWTC, if the Provost mandates LWTC to look further into the course evaluation tool and make a recommendation to SU Senate.” Minutes approved as corrected.

2. At the October 14th meeting of the SU Faculty Senate Zotero and End Note Web were recommended by the LTWC to be supported by the university as reference citation software. Library staff will meet with IT to discuss how best to support the products and to provide training.

3. Firefox support – Zotero and some other products used on campus work only on the Mozilla Firefox 3.0 browser. Although Firefox is a free browser, it is not currently loaded on computers in the IT computer labs or the library computers. Jerry Waldron will discuss installing Firefox in these locations with IT staff and the Library.

4. Course Eval and other course evaluation software products. There is interest on the part of the Provost in having the LWTC. Provost Jones has charged the committee to move forward with evaluating different products for possible campus use, per Jerry Waldron.

5. Stephen Ford has agreed to assume the role of committee webmaster for this year. Thanks Stephen!

6. Through the TLR there an evaluation of the Respondus Lockdown Browser was done over the past few months. The lock down browser allows the instructor to “lock down” the browser of a student when the student tries to complete a MyClasses quiz or other assessment. This can help prevent academic dishonesty. The LWTC endorses the use of this product and believes that it has a potentially valuable application in the distance learning courses. Melissa Thomas will speak with Drs Tossey and Joyner to discuss the potential procurement.

7. Tegrity update: Thea McDowell will start using Tegrity to record class sessions on October 27th. Dr. McDowell has a campus based class with one remote student. Tegrity will be used to capture lectures for viewing by the remote student and other students at their convenience. This is the first class to pilot
Tegrity. Melissa Thomas mentioned that there have been some challenges with setting up classes within the product and with its integration with MyClasses.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm. The next meeting will be on November 14th at 3:00 pm in TETC 301.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Waldron