Minnesota State University, Mankato
Learning & Technology Roundtable
Thursday, April 13, 2006
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
CSU 202

Guests: Melissa Holmberg, Mark McCullough

Minutes

Announcements & Upcoming Events
1. Last meeting this semester: May 4th, (2-3:30 in ITS conference room ML-3012)
2. 2006 Minnesota E-Learning Summit, May 18-19, Augsburg College, MSP
   see the conference web site: http://www.mngts.org/elearning06/index.html
3. 2006 MERLOT Conference: Aug. 8-11, Ottawa, Canada
   see the conference web site: http://conference.merlot.org/2006/
4. EDUCAUSE and AECT conferences: October 9-13, Dallas
   see the conference web site: http://educause.edu/conference/annual/2006

Old Business
5. Approval of Minutes: Brian Groh moved and Gerry Schneck seconded, approved.

6. D2L issues (ongoing item): No new issues were raised.

7. Faculty Exchange Series Update (Kent K.)
   Kent could not attend this meeting but Pat Lipetzky had forwarded a note from Dean Kaye Herth saying that “Dr. Kent Kalm will be inducted into the Minnesota Athletic Trainers’ Association Hall of Fame on May 6th. His contributions to the field of Athletic Training have been tremendous and he is so deserving of this honor.”

8. Simulation/Games Subgroup update (Kent K.): No update at this time.

Updates

10. ITS/ETS (Bryan S.)
    • Bryan Schneider provided on the process of the Student Consultation Process that has taken place over the past six weeks. It has been a very positive educational experience for everyone attending. Wayne Sharp provided a very interesting
presentation to that group about the universities he has visited while on sabbatical. The group has revised the list of priorities and supports maintaining the tech fee at the same level. A copy of the recommendations was distributed but the student group was still revising the document at this time.

- ITS is working on an RFP for a notifier-response system that will be compatible with the existing systems for emergency notification.
- ITS was allocated some additional institutional funding that will allow the technological conversion of 30 to 45 classrooms over the summer. These classrooms do not currently have projection systems and will be upgraded to the latest standards.

11. Extended Learning (Pat L., provided via e-mail):
- The proposals have been received - 3 new to online programs and three requests for enhancement funding. The proposals are excellent, the review committee wants to fund everything but there are fiscal constraints. The review committee meets again on Friday for a decision.

12. MnOnline (Roland N. / Joan R.)
- Roland and Joan informed that MnOnline is considering favorably (not yet voted on) a recommendation to support proctoring services at all campuses, even though the first statement in the recommendation says that student assessments for online courses with Media Code 03 should not be location bound and proctored testing should be used as only a last resort.
- At the last meeting of the MnOnline Council, Vice Chancellor Ken Niemi stated that with the recent hardware upgrades, D2L should be able to handle a 20% increase in load above the February peak.

13. COMET/METNET (Mark J.): No update at this time.

New Business

14. Proposal from Academic Integrity Subcommitteee (Gerry)
- Gerry distributed copies of the draft recommendations. Some minor changes were accepted and the document will be distributed to the whole group for discussion at the next meeting.

15. Presentation: "Using Google to detect Plagiarism in Theses"
- Librarians Melissa Holmberg and Mark McCullough presented the results of their research on the effectiveness of using Google and other tools to identify plagiarism in masters theses. Their article “Using the Google search engine to detect word-for-word plagiarism in masters theses: A preliminary study” was published in The College Student Journal, Volume 39, Issue 3 and is available online at:

http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?index=21&did=890735931&SrchMode=3&sid=1&Fmt=4&VInst=PROD&VType=PQD&RQT=309&VName=PQD&TS=1145321225&clientId=43732&aid=1

Other
- Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.