Present: Jane Baird, Ron Browne, Don Descy, Corinne Dickey, Jan Eimers, David Gjerde, Brian Groh, Catherine Hughes, Elena Ivanova, Mark Johnson, Kent Kalm, Mark Kump, Peg Lawrence, Nina LeNoir, Angela Monson, Joan Roca, Warren Sandmann, Gerald Schneck, Gary Urban, Steven Vassar
Absent: Gale Allen, Daniel Cronn-Mills, James Dye, Jim Grabowska, Joel Jensen, Joan Klanderud, Patricia Lipetzky, Roland Nord, Stewart Ross, Wayne Sharp, Ben Weihrauch, Robert Zelin

Joan Roca welcomed the group and questioned whether there were additions to the agenda. There was none.

AGENDA

Announcements

1. EDUCAUSE: Orlando, October 17-21, 2005. [http://www.educause.edu](http://www.educause.edu) Attendees from MSU are Ron Browne, Brian Hoffman, Mark Johnson, Peg Lawrence, Stewart Ross, Wayne Sharp, Warren Sandmann, Norleen Turensky and Joan Roca. We will have good representation at this conference and bring back lots of great ideas.

2. AECT: Orlando, October 18-21, 2005. [http://aect.org](http://aect.org) Don Descy will be attending this conference.

3. ITeach Conference, Hennepin Tech College, November 3-5, 2005. This is a great conference and offers a good opportunity for faculty to present and/or to enhance their teaching (and add to their professional development plan activities.) Attendance is encouraged.


5. MSU Wireless & Teaching with Technology Conference, MSU, November 8, 2005. Mark Johnson had a meeting to review the final proposals and begin assembling the layout for this conference. He stated that there is a very powerful set of presentations for this conference. There will be six different rooms with 6 different presentations going simultaneously. This conference has really gained momentum and is well on its way to becoming national. Publicity will be sent next week.

6. Other

Warren Sandmann encouraged everyone to visit the MSU web page and check out “Maverick OneStop” available from the MSU home page. This is now ready to go and provides a question and answer forum for anyone that uses the site. Remember to view this from a student’s standpoint to ensure that it answers questions that they might ask about your areas or units. The questions that are asked will be added to the database. If you have questions and answers that you would like to be out there, please forward them to Warren. Answers can also include links to websites which will provide additional information for inquiries. When a user asks a question, they get a response that tells them the answer will be received within one business day.

Old Business
7. **Turnitin** – Gerald Schneck will be convening the subgroup from LTR to review anti-plagiarism software. He will contact Jeff to review other products. Joan Roca announced that he will hold a short presentation by Librarians regarding use of Google and other open search engines to detect plagiarism. Gerry announced that the subgroup will be meeting one week from Friday and Mary Dowd and Carol Stallkamp will be attending.

8. **D2L Issues** – Mark Johnson announced that D2L seems to be stabilized. Daily messages are being sent regarding system stability. The D2L Ad Hoc Review Committee reporting to Senior Vice Chancellor Baer, Vice Chancellor Niemi, and President Bradshaw will be submitting a short term report on October 18th that describes best practices for workarounds to current problems. Recommendations will be made based on information collected from users. The CIOs are hearing what we are saying and trying to react. Our needs, requests, and changes are being incorporated into the plans.

Gerald Schneck reported that there is an issue with access for students with disabilities. He stated that a student that is visually impaired is having difficulty with the quiz function because the screen refreshes every 30 seconds. This is a real problem for pages with pictures and text because by the time the page reloads, the text changes. The Office of the Chancellor will need to make sure to follow accessibility guidelines.

The LTR moved unanimously to acknowledge and recognize the service and efforts of Jeff Henline for the great work that he and other ITS staff are providing and for the wonderful support they have demonstrated to the campus during this difficult transition.

The consensus of the LTR is that D2L is definitely better than it was. The students do not seem to be complaining as much. We did lose some features but the stability of the system is much better. If you have any comments about some of the features that were lost, please let Jeff know.

9. **Proposal for Center for Instructional Games and Simulations** – An article from the Phi Delta Kappan was distributed (with thanks to Don Descy): “Video Games and the Future of Learning.” It is interesting to determine what areas on campus might be participating in this type of learning. There has been a big change in how students learn and interact with one and other. If you are interested in participating on a proposal with Century College, please contact Joan Roca. This could be an opportunity to create an interdisciplinary center on this topic. Gerald Schneck said the needs for this have been present for a long time. Having an online simulation would be great. Kent Kalm and Gael Mericle are interested in participating in this endeavor. Ron Browne stated that the interest is there but it is too early to know which direction to take. Nina LeNoir wonders if we can support this with the required resources. Ron Browne noted that because of MSU’s tradition in leading, it is reasonable to think that we can pull this off if there is enough interest. Angela Monson also showed interest in participating.

10. **Regional Meetings on the future of ISRS (Mankato, 10/31, CSU 250, 1-3:30)** Mark Johnson distributed a letter from MnSCU that announces five regional meetings to discuss expectations and needs of campuses. We should identify our future plans, functional needs, reliability and response time expectations. As a vision for the future system is developed, we need to talk to end users and receive feedback to anticipate wants and needs. Everyone is encouraged to attend this
event or one of the others taking place. Mark Johnson will be leading this effort in St. Cloud tomorrow. The information will be compiled from all five meetings and submitted to MnSCU. The meeting in Mankato will take place on October 31st, 1:00-3:30 pm, in CSU 250-3.

11. **ITS Showcase: Blogging resources for MSU (Elena)** – Elena Ivanova held a brief presentation about blogging resources for MSU. Her presentation is available at [http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/ivanoe/blog](http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/ivanoe/blog)

Blogs are useful communication devices. They can be used professor to student, professor to class, student to student, or open for everyone. They can be used in all aspects of learning. The space to store this information is becoming less of an issue. There are many advantages. Liability issues are limited and data still needs to be monitored. If misinformation is posted, it can be removed.

**Updates**

12. **Student LTR (James Dye)**
   No report.

13. **ITS/ETS (Mark Johnson)**
   Mark announced that President Davenport received a letter from the Vice Chancellor regarding our wireless audit. MSU passed and there were no issues that needed to be resolved. The report for the 50 top wireless schools was released today. We are not among the top 50 only because the form did not get returned. Mark apologized for this oversight.

14. **Extended Learning (Pat Lipetzky)**
   Kent Kalm spoke on behalf of Patricia Lipetzky and said that the Faculty Exchange group will be meeting two weeks from today.

15. **MnOnline (Roland Nord/Joan Roca)**
   A report from MnOnline was distributed to the group. The report shows an increase in the growth of courses coded 03. For fall of 2005, 29,000 students are enrolled and 32 institutions are participating. The last page of the document reflects online tuition rates and shows that MSU is at $189.00, which is less than the average of $196.00.

16. **Other**
   None

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.