Don Descy welcomed the group and explained that Joan Roca could not attend due to a MnSCU meeting at Ruttger’s. He stated that an update to gaming would be added to the agenda under item 6a. For topic number 7, only the LTR members present today will be reporting on EDUCAUSE. He will also present item 7a. AECT Update and for Item 8, Bryan Schneider will be presenting on MavPRINT.

Acceptance of minutes of 10/13/05 – Gerald Schneck made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Nina LeNoir. After group vote, the minutes of October 13th were approved.

Announcements

3. MSU Wireless & Teaching with Technology Conference, MSU, November 8, 2005. Mark Johnson pointed out that this conference is being talked about widely. We are well on our way to becoming a national conference. Please be sure that faculty in your areas know about this conference and if you have an opportunity to participate, you are encouraged to do so. Advertising was distributed today and it looks wonderful.
4. ISRS Meeting, MSU: CSU 250, 1 – 3:30 p.m., October 31, 2005. Mark Johnson reminded everyone that this is a rare opportunity for us to have the Office of the Chancellor listen to us and hear our opinions. It is a wonderful chance to voice our needs and expectations and to present our vision for our future. He is unable to attend on this date because of a conflicting meeting in St. Paul but he strongly encourages all faculty and users to attend and inform them of our needs and expectations for all MnSCU supported systems.

Old Business

5. Turnitin – Academic Integrity Sub-committee Report (Gerald Schneck, Jim Grabowska, Nina LeNoir, James Dye, Carol Stallkamp, and Mary Dowd)
Gerald Schneck reported that this group met last Friday and a recommendation was
made to change the name to Academic Integrity Sub-committee rather than the Turnitin Subgroup. This recommendation was made because they didn’t want to include plagiarism in their name and other software will be reviewed. He stated that the committee met to determine where they needed to go from last spring. There is a lack of knowledge of use, faculty knowing that it’s available and also a discussion if it should be used here. A recommendation was suggested to do a survey of faculty to find out how many are using it and what data is available from it. They would like to know the issues and concerns of faculty users. Students refusing to sign off on this have been a problem. There is concern that many faculty do not know that there is a release form that needs to be signed before using Turnitin. The group will also find out if other programs keep student work on a database. There are a lot of concerns and this group will work with Jeff Henline to investigate these other programs. They will be meeting again soon. Mark Johnson said that they should work with Jeff to create the survey and if he needed help with publicizing information to let him know. The cost of this is about $8,000 for the campus and unless there is a clear policy on how it is being used and students’ sign a release form, the continued existence of this software is in question.

6. D2L Issues (Mark Johnson) Mark stated that the D2L Ad Hoc Committee reporting to Vice Chancellor Baer, Vice Chancellor Niemi and President Bradshaw submitted a short-term report on October 18. He has not seen a copy of this report yet but will share it with the LTR. It was also voiced that there may not be enough MSU representation on this committee and if you are interested, please contact Mark Johnson or Roger Severs by email to participate. They will be drafting a letter with the MSU position on this issue.

6a. Gaming – Don Descy reminded everyone that if they are interested in participating on a proposal with Century College to please contact Joan Roca and express your interest. Mark Johnson will be attending a meeting regarding this topic in November.

New Business
7. EDUCAUSE Update (Mark Johnson, Wayne Sharp, Ron Browne, Peg Lawrence, and Stewart Ross) Wayne Sharp projected pictures taken by Joan Roca at EDUCAUSE. These pictures represented the different technology booths that presented. There were many interesting sessions and classroom discussions. Those that attended spoke very highly of the experience. Mark Johnson said that Apple let attendees use iPods at the conference. This was a very interesting and he was able to experience Podcasts. Stewart Ross attended sessions on Cyber schools and these dealt with cyber issues. Mark Johnson also spoke of Ruckus, it’s a Napster type thing that Universities can buy as a subscription for students. This seems to be an acceptable agreement with students. The U of M adopted Ruckus and we should talk with them to see how it’s going.

EDUCAUSE is in Dallas next year and attendance is strongly encouraged. Please begin planning now to take part in this wonderful conference.
7a. AECT: Orlando, October 18 – 21, 2005. Don Descy attended this conference. He was surprised to find out that many colleges and universities have been studying gaming for several years. He thought that this was cutting edge. He also heard very negative feedback and information regarding the use of blogs as a means of communications and feedback in college and University classes.

8. ITS Showcase: MavPRINT and Dial Up Lines (Bryan Schneider)
Bryan Schneider presented an information session regarding MavPRINT. The usage statistics are available at http://mavprint.mnsu.edu. He stated that this seems to be working well. There is an interest in knowing where students are at with this and how many students are spending money for additional printing. Bryan said this information can be compiled at the end of the semester.

In January, we will be implementing a change from cash on MavCards to Online Vending. This is being done as a convenience to students. They will be able to buy other things with this vending system besides printing and they will no longer have to maintain a print account.

Bryan reviewed the dial-in lines on campus. The weekly dial-ins are tapering off. The session times are increasing. He will review it more closely and if the results prove that we are not using a T1 line, another one will be cut. This saves the University a great deal of money.

Updates
9. Student LTR (James Dye) – James Dye reported that there are no updates from the Student LTR because it has been postponed until next semester. Mark Johnson reminded those interested in serving that this is a great opportunity to relate with students and help educate them on tech fee monies. If you are interested in serving on this sub-committee of the LTR, please contact Mark Johnson. Those that have served recommend participation on this committee.

10. ITS/ETS (Mark Johnson) Mark announced that he and Joan Klanderud from South Central College serve on the COMET Board. Mark has been reelected as chair. They have met with the statewide learning network with potential issues. These are issues dealing with the government since the changes with the former HESO. There are money flow concerns and if funding goes away, it will affect any network that is purchased with this money.

11. Extended Learning (Pat Lipetzky)
No report.

12. MnOnline (Roland Nord) Roland expressed D2L concerns of the MnOnline Council. The success of D2L has threatened its use in Distance Learning. There is a concern that D2L would establish collaboration across the state but this has proved differently. If there is a decision to break up the server, then collaboration would not
be statewide. Mark explained that MnSCU should review its base assumptions on the D2L decision to see if they meet the needs of the system as a whole. There is also a concern about duplication of courses. If you have ideas or concerns, please send them to Roland Nord.

13. Other
   None

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.