Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Learning & Technology Roundtable  
Tuesday, November 6, 2007  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.     CSU 201

Present:  Jane Baird, Matthew Clay, Marilyn Delmont, Don Descy, Jan Eimers, Terrance Flaherty, Christopher Frederick, David Gjerde, Brian Groh, Jared Grove, Joan Klanderud, Peg Lawrence, Patricia Lipetzky, Judith Luebke, Joel McKinzie, Stewart Ross, Wayne Sharp, Steven Smith, Gary Urban, Steven Vassar  
Absent:  Yvette Dulohery, Sandra Eggenberger, Brenda Flannery, Jeffrey Henline, Catherine Hughes, Joel Jensen, Ted Johnson, Joan Roca, Bryan Schneider, John Solis, Robert Zelin  
Guests:  Donald Larsson, Rob McGinn, Gary McKinley

Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES

Marilyn Delmont, Wayne Sharp, Joan Roca, and Robert Zelin attended the recent EDUCAUSE conference.  The Midwest Regional conference will be held in Chicago in March, 2008.  This is a very good conference.  It is smaller than the regular one but offers a very good, regional ‘feel’.  Attendance is strongly recommended.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of Minutes 10 10/2/07  
  Steven Vassar made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/2/07.  A second was made by Christopher Frederick.  The minutes were unanimously approved.  Everyone is encouraged to share the minutes with their colleagues.  

- Debriefing by EDUCAUSE attendees  
  Marilyn Delmont stated that this was the first time she attended an EDUCAUSE conference.  She stated that she had attended an EDUCOM conference before it merged with CAUSE.  She attended several sessions at this conference.  Some of them included information sessions on disaster recovery.  She also mentioned that several presented on using gaming for learning & technology.  Some have developed games similar to Monopoly or Jeopardy as a learning simulation.  Several colleges and universities have developed this type of technology.  Stanford Online Learning is working with Microsoft multimedia and video streaming and can be bookmarked.  It was a really interesting session and if you are interested in additional information, please contact Marilyn.  

Marilyn also watched MnSCU perform a D2L presentation.  This presentation showed that MnSCU is the largest user with 729,000 accounts on D2L and continues to grow.  This product was developed for far fewer users.  Marilyn stated that she will be trying to work with MnSCU to have 2 developers work with us on the problems and possibly be housed here at MSU.  She stated that it may be possibly to have Al show the MnSCU presentation to the LTR.  All seemed to be in favor of that so she will try to get it scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

Chris Frederick stated that it might be beneficial to have a student attend the EDUCAUSE conference.  Wayne Sharp felt that the regional conference in Chicago would be better for
this since it is more localized. The LTR Co-chairs will look into the possibility of sending a student representative to the EDUCAUSE conference.

Wayne Sharp distributed a “Speak Up 2006” handout that reflects a snapshot of selected national findings from K-12 students. Wayne said that he thought about the President’s goal of growing the campus from 14 to 20,000 students. He spoke of classroom capture systems which would allow lectures to be captured and released at a later date. He said that he saw information on a ‘virtual ACC’. This type of situation offers distance learners software. This is a feasible situation but there are costs involved and the number of users is limited. Wayne attended a speaker who was the CIO for Arizona State University. He did a presentation on an Enterprise Resource System. AZ State completed this in 18 months when it usually takes between 5 and 7 years.

Robert Zelin is on sabbatical but he was able to attend a few EDUCAUSE sessions. He did include a summary sheet (distributed at the meeting) stating his experience at the EDUCAUSE Conference.

Don Descy attended the AECT Conference in Anaheim. He said that 2nd Life is really taking off all over. Harvard and Bowling Green are among those offering classes on 2nd Life. Joan Klanderud said that she would ask the person at SCC (who is using 2nd Life) if he would be interested in doing a presentation for us during an LTR meeting. The consensus from the group is that they would like to see a demo of 2nd Life and how it is being used.

Update on Student Response Systems
Matt Clay has created a D2L site to discuss clicker information. He will create an account that will allow users to read journal articles. There will be links for downloads to online tutorials. This will serve as a discussion area for clickers.

Clickers that were purchased at the Campus Bookstore can be returned there with the original packaging. Students were informed of this when the purchase was made.

Stewart Ross announced that he would like to see MSU set up a series of workshops on the use of clickers. This would educate faculty on how to use these. It would be possible to co-sponsor this event with IT or CETL. We are still in the ‘pilot mode’ for clicker use. It would be a great idea to have workshops. Matt Clay will be starting the Clicker Users Group discussions again. If you are interested, please send an email to matthew.clay@mnsu.edu.

It was mentioned that it might be possible to have a series of workshops on Professional Development Day. It would be good if there would be training sessions offered on Outlook meetings again. Many people on campus do not use the Outlook calendar. The use of this makes it very easy to schedule meetings. We need to identify a way to have everyone buy in to the use of this calendar.

NEW BUSINESS
A. MnSCU IT Initiative Funding (Marilyn Delmont)
Marilyn Delmont distributed two handouts that reflect FY 08 IT Initiative Funding prioritized list and the list of criteria that MnSCU uses to award funding. Item 3 relates to Fiber Cable Redundancy. When we had the power failure, the need to have redundant cabling for our telephone system became very apparent. Item 4, Customer Relations Management software for admissions is specialized software for new and prospective students. This will be used to recruit students. Item 5 is the MSU Web Site redesign project. Completing this will help design the new MSU website to positively impact enrollment by making the site more attractive. Item 1 & 2 are positions that are very similar. One would be a faculty type position assigned directly to Academic Affairs to work with those that would like to design new online courses. Position 2 would be an Instructional Designer position that reports to ITS. This individual would also serve as a backup for the D2L campus support person and
could work with CETL. Marilyn Delmont is meeting with MnSCU this Friday and hopes to hear if the dollars are approved. She stated that because there was such a short turnaround time for this project, she didn't get the opportunity to discuss it with everyone. She hopes that in the spring, we will be able to discuss this at length.

B. Request for Feedback on Survey Software currently used.
No report.

C. SharePoint
SharePoint is a new way of organizing and updating documents.

D. COOP and Technology Issues (Rob McGinn)
Rob McGinn spoke to the group regarding developing a plan to get things up and running in the event of a campus disaster. Malcolm O'Sullivan is working with the Deans to identify how to divide the colleges into separate areas. We need to identify which tasks need to be completed right away to get our services up and running. This is a MnSCU-wide assignment and we will do our best to meet their deadline of December 31, 2007.

ONGOING TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

A. Student MSSA/STR
Chris Frederick announced that the students are looking at MSSA from the state level and reviewing IT issues. Concern was expressed over the new positions being discussed as these positions may lean towards assisting distance students rather than the on-campus students that are paying the tech fees. The Student LTR will be assembling within the next week.

B. Extended Learning (Pat L./Judy L.)
Pat Lipetzky announced that Extended Learning is working with Student Affairs to do an audit that identifies which pieces are online and what needs to be online. Other campuses are looking at our support.

Judith Luebke announced that they have held their first meeting for the Teaching and Technology conference which will be held next November. This conference will be treated as a peer review conference. We will bring in vendors. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this conference, please send them to judith.luebke@mnsu.edu

C. Library Services (Peg L.)
Peg Lawrence announced that the students seem to appreciate the extended hours at the Library. She said that the computer use has climbed during these times. The College of Business printer was moved to the 1st floor so that it would be available during the extended hours. The students now want the printer on the 2nd floor. Peg will be talking to the COB to see if it’s possible to get a second COB printer in the Library.

D. ITS – VP/CIO (Marilyn D.)
Marilyn said that the Student LTR is excited and ready to be involved in technology issues. She will be meeting with Jeff Iseminger to discuss website redesign.

E. ITS – Networking/Systems (Bryan S.)
Bryan did not attend this meeting. Marilyn reported that the EBS phones have been deployed and we will be tying the fire alarm system into them. Orders have been placed and we are waiting for the equipment to be installed. It will probably be mid-December before we are ready to go.

F. ITS – ACC (Wayne S.)
Wayne stated that the ACC is very full and being used.
G. ITS – Customer Support (Gary M.)
   No Update.

H. ITS – ISRS (Ted J.)
   No update.

I. ITS – MSU Web & Portal (Ted J.)
   No Update.

J. ITS – COMET/METNET (Ted J.)
   Joan Klanderud announced that they are in the process of hiring a Director (shared position).
   An offer has been made and the board has approved it so they are moving forward.

K. ITS – D2L – (Jeff H.)
   No update.

L. Other Tech Updates/Announcements
   The next LTR meeting will be Tuesday, December 4th from 2:00 – 3:30 in CSU 253/254