Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Learning & Technology Roundtable  
Thursday, December 1, 2005  
ML 3012

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

Don Descy welcomed the group to the last meeting of the semester. Juice and cookies were provided and a thank you went out to Elaine Lilly for baking.

AGENDA

Approve minutes from November 17, 2005 – Jim Grabowska made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gale Allen. After group vote the minutes were approved as submitted.

Announcements

1. Spring calendar – The tentative meeting dates for the LTR are being reviewed and then the dates will be sent electronically to all members.
2. 22nd Annual Distance Learning Conference at University of Wisconsin-Madison (August 2 – 4, 2006) http://www.uwex.edu/disted/conference Proposal submission deadline is January 23, 2006. This is a very good conference and we should have representation. Attendance is encouraged.
3. Other – Jim Grabowska had a nice article in the Reporter on iPods. The LTR was mentioned as well.

Updates

4. Student LTR (James Dye) – James stated that the Student LTR will begin their work next semester. They are drumming up interest in the constituency and talking to the group about the technology fee. Interest has been expressed. Joan Roca announced that he has received two names from LTR members that showed an interest to assist with this group. The experience of serving on this committee has proved positive and offers an excellent opportunity for individuals to see what technology we have available. If you are interested in serving, please send an email message to Joan.

5. ITS/ETS (Mark Johnson) – Mark Johnson stated that the campus is now completely cut over to the new phone system. This has been a huge project and approximately 4,000 phones have been changed over.
The Tech Rec Center is receiving national attention (see Nov. 20th article on USA TODAY: http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2005-11-20-exercise-tech_x.htm). It was even mentioned by Jay Leno. The coverage has been quite positive. Media contacts have been made from Boston to Seattle. This definitely adds value to the University. The Center was paid for with collaborative funding from remodeling, Academic Affairs, the normal budget and the technology fees that helped pay for the computers.

6. **Extended Learning** (Pat Lipetzky) – Patricia Lipetzky stated that following the publicity Kent Kalm received a call from a physician in Pennsylvania that wants to explore ways to work with MSU on Health curriculum for higher education. Kent will investigate possibilities.

Kent Kalm could not be here today but pertaining to Agenda item 8. Simulation Symposium, Kent and Tim Kochery from Century College met with physicians at the University of Minnesota. The group is developing simulations for health care and physician training.

Pat thanked everyone for their response. They have now received 44 summer courses. This is up from 34 last year.

7. **MnOnline** (Roland Nord, Joan Roca) – Joan reported that he and Roland were unable to attend the last meeting. He said that he would forward the relevant minutes as they became available.

The MnOnline registration system seems to be working about 50-60% of the time. Mark Johnson will work with Angela Monson to address this issue and straighten out the problem. An easy interface is a big topic for the MnOnline group. They are trying to come up with a unified MnSCU system ID but it is not as easy as it sounds.

**Old Business**

8. **Simulation Symposium** (Ken Kalm) - Mark Johnson has met with Vice President Olson regarding this topic. He stated that the subcommittee should bring in John O’Brien and Vice President Olson to brainstorm. The Vice President would like to see us move forward with this. This committee should be meeting as soon as possible to get a jump start. The subcommittee currently consists of Kent Kalm, Nina Lenoir, Gale Allen, Don Descy, Angela Monson, and Gerald Schneck. Mark Johnson is joining this group. The group will convene to determine how we can proceed.

9. **D2L Issues** (Mark Johnson) – Mark Johnson stated that patches were installed over Thanksgiving break. He has not received any complaints. A draft response
to the recommendations made is in the works and it states that the work arounds are fine but the longer we use them the more difficult it will be to have new people use this. We need results to use the tools.

Joan Klanderud stated that at South Central they are trying to get another year on WebCT. Some are using D2L but the majority is using WebCT.

10. Academic Integrity Subcommittee (Gerald Schneck) – Gerald Schneck was not in attendance at this meeting. This group has not met.

11. Other - None

New Business

12. Topics for spring meetings (Joan Roca) – Joan Roca passed out index cards for LTR members to write down suggested topics for spring semester. On the opposite side, members were instructed to write down things that could be improved in this forum. The feedback will be used to determine topics for spring semester.

Some of the ideas presented at the meeting for future discussion were that there should be more focus on curriculum issues and how the LTR can address them and promote the use of technology. We could also review what technology is in place at other schools and see what we can learn. Interest was also expressed for video streaming demos and how it works. Another suggestion was how we promote online and hybrid courses. What works? What doesn’t?

13. ITS Showcase (Elena Ivanova - ETS web site & Jeff Henline – Zoomerang) Elena Ivanova showed the group the new and improved ETS website: [http://www.mnsu.edu/its/ets/](http://www.mnsu.edu/its/ets/). This new site has course design updates and templates for faculty use. The tools and resources have been updated. There is discussion about developing a modular chapter template for D2L that faculty can use to develop their course.

Jeff Henline announced that there are currently 10 licenses available for Zoomerang use. This is a great product and it offers wonderful tutorials. It is easy to use. Jeff said that he archives past surveys. It was mentioned that Tracy Pellet has a similar program, AskUs, available for use.

14. Semester Evaluation – The group was asked to write suggested improvements and topics on the index card that was distributed.

15. Other – The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2006 from 2 – 3 p.m. in ML 3012. The meetings will be held approximately every two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.