

**UNC TLT Collaborative Videoconference**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2005**  
**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

**Board Members:**

Sharon Pitt (NCSU)  
Steven J. Breiner (ASU)  
Chris Weaver (ECU)  
Kimberly Stevenson (ECSU)  
John Brooks (FSU)  
Scott Simkins (NCAT)  
Geri Bitai (NCCU) (for Brenda Shaw)  
Jill Lane (NCSA)  
Lori Mathis (UNC-CH) (for Kathy Thomas)  
Ray Purdom (UNCG)  
Maurice C. Mitchell (UNCP)  
Beverly Vagnerini (UNCW)  
Bob Orr (WCU)  
Betsy Brown (OP-AA)  
Yogi Kakad (Faculty Assembly)

**TLTC Staff:**

Frank Prochaska (UNC-TLTC)  
Laura Rogers (UNC-TLTC)  
Hilarie Nickerson (UNC-TLTC)

**Absent:**

John Myers (UNCA)  
Sallie Ives (UNCC)  
Forrest McFeeters (WSSU)  
Carroll Varner (ULAC)  
Jo Ann Pearson (OP-Alliance)  
Andrea Eastman-Mullins (UNC-TLTC)

**Others:**

Matt Long (ECU)  
Pat Chatt (NCAT, Asst. VC)

**Welcome and Roll Call**

- Sharon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Approve Minutes of February 16 Meeting**

- Minutes approved as submitted.

**Executive Director Report**

- Staff remains busy with conference preparations.
- TLTC continuance materials have been submitted to President Broad. Sharon and Frank will present tomorrow and Friday to Board of Governors sessions on TLTC activities.
- MERLOT—we held two workshops in the past few weeks at ASU and UNCP and had 5 campuses represented at those 2 meetings. There will also be a conference follow-up session for those who attended any of the MERLOT workshops this year.
- We have funds allocated for train-the-trainer support from the Training Compendium. Please visit the link and consider that opportunity.
- The WebCT Vista project is underway. Next Mon, Tue, Wed, UNCC is receiving campus implementation planning training and other WebCT campuses will be there also.

- The content management project is progressing; focus groups have begun to meet.
- The campus visit to NCAT was very helpful; thank you to Scott. Others who want to schedule a campus visit, please contact TLTC staff.
- Next meetings of the TLTC Board:
  - Wed April 13 videoconference, 2 – 4 pm
  - Wed May 18 at GA, 10am – 3pm
  - Wed June 15 videoconference (not June 8), 2 – 4 pm

### **Blackboard and WebCT License Renewals for Next Year**

- (Tom Warner is home sick) Frank explained the pricing information distributed by email. Tom requests feedback from the campuses.
- There was discussion by the Board of the Blackboard and WebCT licenses.
- The Board requested an Elluminate session with Tom Warner on March 24 to further discuss these licensing issues. Frank agreed to schedule this.

### **Information from Faculty Assembly**

- Update from Yogi on Faculty Assembly activities
- The Technology Committee met with Vijay Verma and Derrick Murraray; talked about issues in security technology. This is a very hot topic now.
- There is a session at the TLT Conference on security where Carter Heath from UNCC is giving a presentation about Security Issues and Concepts.
- Frank—I would like to thank Yogi and Gerald Ponder for initiating the resolution from the Faculty Assembly to support the continuance of the Collaborative. Thank you, Yogi, for your leadership on this.

### **Elluminate and Other Synchronous LMS Pilots: Where do we go from here?**

- For discussion today, with action at a later meeting: Our trial of Elluminate ends June 30. Do we want to do an analogous pilot with Centra or Horizon Live so campuses could gain experience with other synchronous LMSs?
- After discussion, the Board agreed analogous pilots to examine Centra and Horizon Live are a good idea.
- The Board suggested organizing a task force for this project.
- Board members should send to Sharon names of individuals interested in serving on this task force.

### **Finance Committee Report and Discussion of Remaining Funds for 2004-05**

- We were asked to consider how we would recommend allocating unspent funds, and narrowed to three possibilities. The first two are memberships— Collaborative or system membership of SAKAI—this would be a new type of membership for them, they would have to develop this, and we estimate around 10K/year. The other organization is New Media Consortium, and they also would have to create a membership category for us. The third possibility is a workshop before the year is over that campuses might be interested in attending, such as on teaching and learning in a wireless environment or e-portfolios. One question on workshops is, at this time of year, is a workshop a good thing to do? The Finance

Committee asked for the Board's input whether a workshop in May or June would be attended and what topics would be of interest to faculty and staff.

- After discussion, the Board agreed that participating in SAKAI and NMC activities is a good idea, and asked the Finance Committee to obtain additional information and report back in April.

### **TLT Conference Update**

- Conference is in two weeks. We have 7-9 concurrent sessions, a good range of topics. Please reserve your hotel room and register for the Conference if you have not already done so.
- Having a hotel reservations "deadline" is necessary but doesn't mean rooms are no longer available.
- We will be having online workshop registration, and you will get email.
- We will try blogging the conference this year.
- We have nine corporate vendors serving as sponsors.
- Apple is going to podcast selected sessions.

### **New Business**

- Henry—an old item again: probing MERLOT users database to see what is going on in the UNC system, focused on my own campus, looking for email addresses from NCSU, found we've got 41 registrations in the database. Bulk of those, over half, were people who logged in when they first registered and have not logged in again.
- Hilarie—that's because you can do so many things without logging in and that's one of the features we like to share.
- Hilarie—I extend a personal invitation to everyone to come to our MERLOT team meeting at the Conference and learn how the campuses are using MERLOT.
- The Board further discussed MERLOT before adjourning.

### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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