

UNC TLT Collaborative Videoconference
Wednesday, June 15, 2005
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members:

Sharon Pitt (NCSU), Chair
Steven J. Breiner (ASU)
Kimberly Stevenson (ECSU)
John Brooks (FSU)
Geri Vital (NCCU)
 (proxy for Brenda Shaw)
Jill Lane (NCSA)
John Myers (UNCA)
Lori Mathis (UNC-CH)
 (proxy for Kathy Thomas)
Ray Purdom (UNCG)
Beverly Vagnerini (UNCW)
Bob Orr (WCU)
Betsy Brown (OP-AA)
Yogi Kakad (Faculty Assembly)
Amy Dykeman (ULAC)

TLTC Staff:

Frank Prochaska (UNC-TLTC)
Hilarie Nickerson (UNC-TLTC)
Andrea Eastman-Mullins (UNC-TLTC)

Absent:

Chris Weaver (ECU)
Scott Simkins (NCAT)
Sallie Ives (UNCC)
Maurice C. Mitchell (UNCP)
Forrest McFeeters (WSSU)
Laura Rogers (UNC-TLTC)
Jo Ann Pearson (OP-Alliance)

Others Present:

Lisa Nickel (UNCC)

Welcome and Roll Call

- Sharon Pitt called the meeting to order at 2:00

Approve Minutes of May 18 Board Meeting

- Minutes were approved as submitted

Executive Director Report

- Frank welcomed Amy Dykeman from UNCC as the ULAC representative
- Blackboard invoices have been sent to the campuses
 - Please check your invoice against the spreadsheet you received previously from Frank, as the 20% negotiated discount may be missing
- Frank provided a spreadsheet with estimated final budget figures for 2004-05
 - Some reimbursements have yet to be processed
- We have arranged to pilot Centra starting this summer, and we hope to have a HorizonLive pilot starting in the fall
 - Once the Centra paperwork is finalized, the pilot will run through December 31
 - Each campus will receive unlimited Centra seats, and these seats can be used to deliver classes and other activities
 - Andrea asked for a Centra administrator to be named for each campus; administrator training will be provided in Chapel Hill during a kickoff meeting on July 12, 13, or 14

- Currently, UNCC, UNCG, NCSU, and ECU have campus and/or departmental Centra licenses
- Yogi mentioned that UNCC will use Centra this fall to deliver classes to WCU
- Sharon indicated that it would be important to look at models for both remotely hosted and campus hosted solutions
- Sharon attended an NCREN advisory meeting where she heard that there will be a one year pilot in which MCNC will host 50 Elluminate seats to test demand from the campuses; she is concerned about setting a de facto standard before the TLTC study is complete
- Frank said that Robyn has already discussed this concern with MCNC
- The SLMS task force will submit a report in the spring
- The TLTC staff will resume campus visits in the fall; Board members should contact their campus liaison to make arrangements
- Chris requests that Board members review the bylaw revisions that were distributed at the May 18 meeting, and send comments to her
- See minutes of the May 18 meeting for next year's meeting dates
 - The date for the May 2006 Board meeting will be set at the August meeting based on campus commencement schedules

LECR Update

- Workshop by Carolyn Jarmon took place on June 6, covering both an introduction to LECR ideas and information about assessment
 - Several new people attended, including faculty members and department heads
 - Reports on at least eight current projects were provided by several campuses — approximately half of these have already had a pilot, and four are part of the Roadmap to Redesign program from the National Center for Academic Transformation
- Comments from Board members:
 - Betsy indicated that TLTC support of this initiative is very important, as it makes comprehensive use of our capabilities and addresses enrollment increases

Conference Program Committee Update

- Frank, Laura, and Hilarie are working to form the committee, which will meet approximately weekly by phone over the summer
 - The committee currently has good representation from the TLTC Board, librarians, and IT staff, but additional faculty who are familiar with the conference are needed; please send suggestions to Hilarie

Nominating Committee Update

- Bob reported that he has received one nomination for vice chair, and that he will seek additional nominations for vice chair and secretary by e-mail
- Bob provided information about committee membership needs
 - The Finance Committee needs 2 new members

- The Planning and Assessment Committee needs 3-4 new members; Sallie is continuing
- The Bylaws Committee needs 2-4 new members; Chris is continuing
- The Portal Oversight Committee needs 3 new members; Scott, Henry, Betty, and Steve are continuing
- Elections will take place at the August meeting

Content Management System Next Steps

- Andrea reported on TLTC participation in the WCET / EduTools project
 - Results are described in spreadsheet — for distribution only within UNC until September 1, after which it becomes public
 - Blackboard Content System, Desire2Learn, and The Learning Edge are robust with broad feature sets, and can be plugged into existing CMSs
 - CWIS, Fedora, and the COL Learning Object Repository are more limited in scope
- Andrea and Frank reviewed previous findings from the content system subcommittee and suggested next steps:
 - With assistance from the Faculty Assembly in the fall, learn more about faculty concerns related to intellectual property issues
 - Develop a list of current best practices based on successes at UNCG and other campuses
- Comments from Board members:
 - Amy suggested that Peggy Hoon and people in similar roles may have insights, also legal counsel at various campuses
 - Steve would like to identify what incentives would make sharing worthwhile
 - Betsy is curious whether there is more faculty resistance to sharing electronic materials such as learning objects, vs. syllabi and more traditional materials

SAKAI Conference Update and Next Steps

- Steve reported that the ten UNC representatives who attended the SAKAI conference were enthusiastic about open source and community source because of involvement by the education community
- The UNC group made the following observations:
 - SAKAI is in the early stages of development and is not yet a viable replacement for Blackboard or WebCT
 - The organization is in flux because its initial \$6.8M funding is expiring; a possible risk for the TLTC in joining is that future governance is unclear
 - Progress will depend on the actions of SEPP members, as the membership fees (\$10K per year for three years) supports maintenance rather than new development
- The UNC group made the following recommendations for TLTC / UNC action:
 - The TLTC should establish an interest group for open / community source, with an initial focus on course management and e-portfolio issues

- The TLTC should become a SEPP partner, since there is no membership category for systems
- We could ask MCNC to host an instance of SAKAI, and use campus-provided funds to hire a person (or equivalent FTE) to support it and to analyze feature gaps between SAKAI and Blackboard / WebCT
- Comments from Board members:
 - Steve liked the idea that the CMS framework is driven by instructional interests (vs. “stockholder interests”) and envisions UNC in a leadership role
 - Sharon would like us to consider the cost structure for open source – what is total cost of ownership for an enterprise level project?
 - John Myers mentioned that SAKAI tools are similar to those found in Blackboard and WebCT, but notes that these tools do not yet communicate with each other; version 2.0 may resolve this
 - Sharon likes the interest group idea
 - In 2005-06, we can take up the question of funding a SEPP membership
 - According to Steve, the UNC conference lunch meeting participants on April 1 envisioned that campus contributions for the SAKAI support person might be \$1K per campus plus an additional amount based on campus FTE, with an average of \$4K per campus total
 - Staff release time could be an alternative model for the SAKAI support
 - The TLTC will designate a staff liaison for the new interest group and provide the ability for web-based sign-up; Board members may also send names to Laura
 - The TLTC will also find out about NCCCS interest in open source

Committee Reports

- No reports

New Business

- Sharon would like to see an increase in UNC attendance at future EDUCAUSE Southeast conferences, noting that 75% of regional conference attendees do not attend the national conference
- Steve thinks the TLTC had a great year, and offers a pat on the back for the Board

Adjourn 3:15pm