

UNC TLT Collaborative Board Meeting

Videoconference

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

12:30pm – 1:45pm

Present:

Board Members:

Sharon Pitt (NCSU), Chair
Steven J. Breiner (ASU)
Chris Weaver (ECU)
Scott Simkins (NCAT)
Brenda Shaw (NCCU)
Susan Keely (NCSA)
John Myers (UNCA)
Kathy Thomas (UNC-CH)
Sallie Ives (UNCC)
Ray Purdom (UNCG)
Maurice C. Mitchell (UNCP)
Beverly Vagnerini (UNCW)
Robert Orr (WCU)
Forrest McFeeters (WSSU)
Betsy Brown (OP-AA)
Yogi Kakad (Faculty Assembly)
Barbara Tierney (ULAC)
(proxy for Amy Dykeman)

TLTC Staff:

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

Absent:

Jo Ann Pearson (OP-Alliance)
Kimberly Stevenson (ECSU)
John Brooks (FSU)

Others Present:

Henry Schaffer (Board Member Emeritus)
Linda Carl (UNC-CH)

Welcome and Roll Call

- Sharon Pitt called the meeting to order at 12:30

Approve Minutes of September 14, 2005 Board Videoconference

- Chris Weaver noted that ECU is participating in the Sloan semester program.
- Minutes were approved with Chris's addition.

Executive Director Report

- Frank discussed the joint UNC/NC Community College System Committee
 - The committee is continuing to meet monthly.
 - The committee is sharing hot topics and TLT interests and concerns.
 - Frank indicated there are many collaborative opportunities surrounding House Bill 1264 and a new initiative in which the legislature is providing funding for UNC and NCCCS to put 2+2 articulation programs online.
 - Online 2+2 Articulation Programs Initiative
 - Sub-committees are in place already to discuss topics such as content development, faculty development, support, and infrastructure.

- This initiative will promote collaborative opportunities.
- Vista Update
 - Tom Warner is obtaining serious numbers (pricing) from WebCT for campuses considering moving to Vista.
 - NC State has been recognized by WebCT as a WebCT Institute (one of 23 in the world). Recognition based on proven track record, support structure, training, and best practices model and will be a reference for other universities. Congratulations NC State!
- November 1 – Bb/UNC-CH Symposium – Friday Center in Chapel Hill
 - K-20 attendees
 - Symposium is focused on e-learning opportunities to promote workforce development across the state. Over 100 scheduled attendees.
- Synchronous Learning Tools
 - Helpful web pages are located on the TLTC website.
 - Use at the campuses is increasing – encourage campuses to take advantage of the pilot programs
 - Pilots in place for Elluminate and Centra. Centra is considering extending pilot to end of spring semester.
- TLTC staff wants to make campus visits. Please contact Frank if interested.

e-Learning Council Faculty Support Committee Report and Request for Feedback (Mitch Mitchell, Linda Carl)

- Mitch presented the background of this project
- Surveyed campuses on policy support and practices
- Questions for the Board to consider:
 - Given the information gathered, where are the gaps?
 - What should the baseline be for areas surveyed?
 - What are the best practices?
 - What else should be included in the final report?
- Concern expressed that the right people might not have completed the survey and information gathered may be inaccurate. Board members are encouraged to approach their Provost and provide follow-up information to the report clarifying items that are inaccurate and adding additional information where needed. Provost offices submitted the campus information.
- Sallie suggested a clarification of the definition for e-learning
- It is not clear where “technology-enhanced courses” are addressed in the report.
- Mitch will send Board a request for feedback on the report.
- Email feedback to Mitch with a copy to Linda. Feedback should include a response for each question.

By-Laws Revision Discussion

- Committee Members: Chris (chair), Mitch, Betsy
- Committee finished review of by-laws revision. They will send revised by-laws to Board. Send comments to committee members.

- Prepare to vote on revisions at November Board meeting.

Current Campus TLT Institutional Priorities (Sharon)

- Updated version distributed via email
- Send any updates or changes to Sharon
- Document will serve as a resource for Board and staff

TLT Conference Update

- Plenary Speaker Committee – Sharon
 - Committee has identified opening plenary speaker
 - They are working on the closing plenary speaker
 - Both will be announced at November Board meeting
- Executive dashboard on the conference website is up and running.
- Several users have visited the Collaborative Café.
- Still looking for additional proposal reviewers. Send names to Laura Rogers.

SAKAI/Moodle Pilot Project Discussion

- Community Colleges are piloting Moodle this year.
- Board is asked to send Steve Breiner a list of questions for discussion with Optimized Learning.
- Greg Simmons from ASU has agreed to serve as facilitator for the Open Source Interest Group

UNC Content System Pilot Project Discussion (Andrea)

- Met with Faculty Assembly technology committee
- Andrea is creating a pilot project proposal to initiate a small pilot of a content management system. Proposal will be distributed at November Board meeting.
- If Board agrees, Frank and Andrea will take this proposal to the Faculty Assembly.

New Business

- Next face-to-face meeting is Wednesday, December 14. Possibly a dinner on the evening prior to the meeting.
 - Chris Weaver and Kathy Thomas are each engaged! Congratulations!
- Adjourn 1:45 p.m.