

LMIS Meeting Minutes – 4 March 2010

In Attendance: Bob Boyles, Jane Carlin, Alyce Demarais, Pierre Ly, William Morse, Jennifer Neighbors, Mark Reinitz, Cindy Riche, Jeff Tepper

A new student representative is needed to replace Joe Granville, who has a time conflict. Alyce will ask ASUPS for a replacement.

E-Portfolios. There was discussion of the intent of e-portfolios, which is to archive academic products and not to serve as a platform for social networking. The next issue was the cost. No firm estimate is yet available but the fact that the Moodle infrastructure is already in place will help keep cost down. There is also the question of what will happen to a student's Mahara portal when he/she graduates. This is both a storage issue and a legal issue as our license agreement does not permit use by persons not formally affiliated with the university. It was suggested that termination of a student's e-portfolio might be coordinated with termination of her/his e-mail account. Cindy reported that e-portfolio training will be offered – probably in the summer or fall – and reiterated that Blackboard will “disappear” in December 2010. It was suggested that students should be introduced to Mahara in their freshman year (perhaps in the seminar course); Mark noted that e-portfolios might be more useful to students individually as opposed to being a component of a course.

Jane announced that planning is underway for a faculty workshop that would focus on information literacy skills and where training in such skills could be built into the curriculum.

Print Management. Two printers will be set up in the Library Commons as trial sites. The committee also affirmed the objectives of the print management project.

Copyright Policy. Alyce is continuing to look into this issue. The existing policy has been reviewed by our legal counsel, who has raised some questions regarding intellectual property rights.

Pierre noted that Flat World Knowledge is a new company that provides free, on-line textbooks. Cindy will disseminate information about this and similar services.

Jane announced that the Edible Books Festival will be held on April 1st.

The next LMIS meeting will be held on April 1st

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tepper

