

LMIS - Library, Media, and Information Systems

Acting chair, John Hanson, called the meeting to order at 15:05, October 6, 2006.

Present were Lotus Perry, Katherine Smith, Bill Dasher, Stacy Weiss, Renée De Voursney (representing Ed Alterfor), John Hanson, Norm Imamshah, Alyce DeMarais (representing Kris Bartanen), Randy Thornton (as invited guest), and Randy Bentson.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Weiss had fallen off the mailing list. Bentson is tasked to have a distribution list created via OIS staff.

Thornton distributed Blackboard statistics. He's looking for: (1) some better feedback mechanism to learn how Blackboard is used, (2) an implementation group (project management) to design a follow-on to Blackboard, and (3) an advisory group (core management) to advise on continuing use, with some "pioneers" to explore new features.

Hanson got clarification distinguishing the two groups, Thornton agrees the latter is clearly LMIS, but both should have wide representation. He thinks project management would likely have two faculty, two students and appropriate staff. Hanson recommended Thornton develop further the structure of this group and perhaps even nominate members.

Side note: Thornton will attend a NITLE conference at Reed in two weeks. He says many schools are looking at replacements for Blackboard and this is a likely topic of wide discussion. Elizabeth Knight is library "point person on technology" to deal with access to published content.

Thornton is also seeking advice on structure of the advisory (core management group) subcommittee. Hanson suggested four members representing LMIS and STAB could provide additional student representation.

The advisory group would have three charges: monitor faculty and student needs, develop policies and procedures regarding use, determine needs and direct selection of Blackboard replacement. The project group would then guide the actual conversion. Members are O'Neil, Hanson, Fischer, Weiss and De Voursney and other students identified by STAB.

Imamshah asked what to do with Blackboard over the 18 months it'll take to convert to a replacement. Thornton outlined several approaches: do nothing, upgrade Blackboard by small step, quickly replace Blackboard, and the following:

2006-2007 academic year: Advisory committee selects new product

2007-2008 academic year: Both Blackboard and new product available for use. (Early adopters encouraged to switch to new product and pioneer its use.)

2008+ academic years: Blackboard no longer available, all classes switch to new product

DeMarais noted that Budget Task Force meetings are coming up soon -- Imamshah will present on Nov 1, DeMarais Nov 10.

More about Blackboard stats: groups are subsets of classes. Lots of gradebook use. There are international standards on quizbooks to be uploaded. There are about 39K files, but many are being deleted.

Imamshah distributed some handouts and will return to talk further later.

Adjourned at 16:03

Respectfully submitted, Randy Bentson