

University of Alaska Southeast Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable

Minutes September 30, 2005

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by co-chair Steven Hamilton.

2. Attendance. The following members attended:

Alice Tersteeg	Colleen McKenna
Wayne Haas	Matt Heavner
David Noon	Robert Starbard
Susie Feero	Adam Bauer
Ali Bower	Barney Norwick
Joseph Sears	John Bilderbeck
Marsha Gladhart	Steven Hamilton

3. Introductions. This being the first meeting of the academic year, members of the group introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved with the addition of the following item:

Discussion of the role of TLTR

5. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting for April 22, 2005 were approved as written.

6. Communications. All minutes and agendas will be sent out via e-mail. Meetings will be live with call in for distance members through the Genesys system. The permanent call-in number and code is currently being renewed and will be published later. Colleen McKenna of the Information Systems faculty volunteered to maintain the TLTR web site, which will be limited to minutes, agendas, announcements, and a section for special projects.

6. Role of TLTR. The role of TLTR was discussed with Steve presenting an overview:

- History of TLTR function including oversight of budget and evolution of the tech fee budget.
- Solicitation for and review of potential special tech projects.
- Forum for discussion of technology issues.
- Advocacy for selected technology issues such as electronic portfolios.

The group agreed that this was still a relevant function and did not recommend any changes.

7. Action Agenda. The action agenda for this meeting consisted of presentation and brief review of potential topics and issues to be addressed by TLTR this year.

A. Use of Technology in Assessment Process. With the assessment effort in progress now, there is a potential role for technology to help simplify the task. One example might be to include a provision for recording and storing assessment data from the UAS Online interface. The group agreed that any approach must not come from TLTR as a prescriptive approach but rather something that can help departments as they choose. Solicitation for a committee to discuss this issue produced three volunteers:

Barney Norwick
Marsha Gladhart
Steven Hamilton
Matt Heavner

B. Federal Higher Education Act Reauthorization Issues. The federal Higher Education Act is being considered for reauthorization and the current proposal contains provisions that have significant potential impact for UAS. These center primarily around the issue of identity verification for distance students. At the request of the Provost, this group will produce some talking points for Administration to provide to other advocacy groups for communication to Congress. Solicitation for participation produced volunteers:

Robert Starbard
Adam Bauer
David Noon

C. Criteria for Assessing Media Projects. With media projects becoming more common across all disciplines, there is a sense of need for some consistent criteria for assessment or evaluation of these types of projects. While there is a general sense that an observer can tell a good project from a bad one, there is less clarity on why one project might be better than another. Solicitation for participation on this project produced volunteers:

John Bilderbeck
Wayne Haas
Ali Bower
Jason Ohler

D. Opportunity for Web cast Staff and Faculty Development. Opportunities for staff to participate in development activities via web cast are becoming more common. Currently, the Provost's office has identified an upcoming opportunity for faculty and staff related to measurement and assessment in November. The Provost has agreed to fund this opportunity and those interested are encouraged to participate.

E. Special Projects. The group agreed to proceed as is usually the case this time of year by assuming that approximately \$5,000 will be available for special projects and set up a general timetable. Current intentions are to develop a promotion effort with deadline for

applications the end of January. Decisions on award will be made by the end of March allowing for commitment to purchase prior to the end of the fiscal year. The following individuals agreed to work on review of the projects this year:

Wayne Haas
Alice Tersteeg
Joseph Sears

8. Next Meeting. The next meeting of TLTR is scheduled for Friday, October 28 from 10:30 until noon in Novatney 102.

9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Hamilton
Co-Chair