

TLTR Minutes for April 25, 2008

Attendees: Marsha Gladhart, Colleen McKenna, Grant Rich, Joseph Sears, Jeremy Johnson, John Bilderbeck, Jill Hanson, Barney Norwick, Anselm Stack

Announcements:

1. Please notify Marsha if you will no longer be representing your unit. Alice Teerstag will be retiring and Matt Heavener has accepted another service commitment.
2. Marsha's two year appointment as chair is up. The Provost will select a new chair for 2008-2009.
3. Marsha reported that she presented the student support tools proposal to the Subcommittee on Effective and Innovative Teaching and received their official and enthusiastic support for the concept.

Study Group Reports:

1. Convocation showcase: Susie Feero reported: "Both of us have decided the best option this year is to host the session ourselves to show the use of some of the technology tools and to have examples of faculty using technology (but with no names). If the session is successful, we can expand the following year."
2. Seamless and Error Free IT Tools: Barney reported that a prototype is being developed this summer and will probably be ready for piloting next fall. (TLTR members volunteered to be part of the testing.)
3. Effective and consistent tools for student support: Jill and Joseph shared this study groups' final proposal. John Bilderbeck also worked with the group to develop this proposal. See attached for final proposal

Discussion:

Jeremy asked that we add information to the student page such as information on the nurse and student organizations. The group concluded that this student support tools page would be part of a larger Web site on student success and that other groups were working on expanded content for the umbrella site.

John moved that we recommend the student tools Website proposal which includes postcards sent to enrolled students 3 weeks before class starts and an overhaul of the student support Web site. Unanimous agreement.

Potential topics for next year:

Focus on pedagogy of distance (with emphasis on quality faculty training)

Trouble shooting seminars

Video tutorials (Camtasia)

Faculty development—reinstitute the brown bag lunches?

Instructional Design will showcase effective faculty use of technology

Department by department reports on how technology is being used

Web 2.0 tools

Disconnect between on campus students and distance students. Do we need a social construct to connect students?

Submitted by Marsha Gladhart