

UAS Regional TLTR Meeting

1/26/2012, 1:30-3:00 PM

Chancellor's Conference Room, UAS Juneau campus

In attendance: Emily Wall, Hildegard Sellner, Carol Hedlin, Michael Ciri, Lee Graham, Maren Haavig, Mark Thompson, Jennifer Ward, Tony Martin, Colleen McKenna, Kim Schulte, Maureen O'Halloran, Jon Martin, Jo Courtright, Rob Billideau, Megan Buzby, Jill Hanson

Minutes from December 15, 2011 meeting – approved

Blackboard Transition Discussion

- Transition is back on original timeline
- Goal is to have the earliest version of an export tool by the end of January
- Test courses are set up for every faculty and staff member, including adjuncts
- IT is discussing the possibility of adding a “rebuild site” option for those who have messed up their sites and want the defaults back. They are also looking at the possibility of giving faculty more than one site.
- Can export a course to .zip file once you like the way it works/functions
- Export tool will be added to UASOnline Instructor Tools - then use BB's import tool to import the .zip file.
- Maureen will work with Susie to align features from UASOnline to BB and to define where UASOnline features should import into BB.
- Is there a possibility to create “Master Classes” - a site that is created by the department and can be handed to an adjunct.
- Michael said that if a particular department wants to standardize navigation and/or resources available in course, they can make it happen.
- Quality Matters can help with creating standardized resources on distance course Web sites. Ex: help desk, library, etc.

BB Training

- Maureen is looking for feedback on timing of faculty training.
 - She is considering starting early training with small groups in Elluminate.
 - Will have some face-to-face sessions on each campus.
 - Will definitely have training in August for those who wait until the last minute.
 - Maureen suggests April as an optimal time for training and workshops.
 - She will also work with any faculty who wants individual help prior to that.
 - Course sites will be posted by the end of March. Faculty might be most interested in heavy duty training once those sites are live.
- iTeach – will take place in May, but it has not yet been decided whether it will be in Juneau or Sitka. Maureen is working on this decision.
- Ketchikan faculty are ready for training, and Kim would like to have some extensive training in order to assist them better.

- Our current license will likely not include the Blackboard app for mobile devices. Mobile app only has limited access to features - students would not be able to fully participate on a mobile device.
- Can we identify current BB users on each campus to help people who have questions? Kim plays that role in Ketchikan. There are several on each campus. This could count toward service and promote quality teaching.

Action Item: Report to your departments that the sites are live, and get input on when faculty want training.

Student Rep Discussion

- Jennifer Ward distributed a draft for TLTR requirements for a regional student representative
- Regional student rep could be from any of the three campuses
- Tuition waivers – there are constraints as to who is eligible – they must fill out FAFSA and be in good academic standing, they must also be degree, cert, or OE-seeking.
- Waiver will be awarded the year after they have completed their service. Thus, they could apply to the student TLTR rep. position, serve, and then fill out the FAFSA.
- Sitka gives a waiver to their student rep, but might have to look at student aid rules to be sure they are in compliance
- We can tell students that they could qualify for a tuition waiver by serving, but we can't promise it until financial aid approves it. There are restrictions that might prevent it – for ex. Students can only receive one tuition waiver per academic year.
- Marnie suggests having two regional student members, but Carol said there will only be one regional tuition waiver.
- The discussion of tuition waivers are bogging down our progress. At this point we might want to move forward with our business and revisit the tuition waiver topic later.
- In the meantime, can we invite a Juneau student to come to the regional meetings? We could also invite the Sitka and Ketchikan students to the regional meeting as well.

Action Item: Carol will talk to Corinne for her perspective on tuition waivers for students who serve on committees

Next meeting time: 9:30-11:00 Thursday, February 16