

Regional TLTR Minutes November 15, 2018

Regional TLTR members present: Cody Bennett, Susie Feero, Virgil Fredenberg, John Ingman, Kimberly Matsuura, Maureen O'Halloran, and Jennifer Ward.

Minutes from October 25, 2018 meeting: Approved

Technology Update

- Upgrade available at classes-test.alaska.edu Faculty can create a test course in BBSANDBOX. Testing period goes on for 2-3 more weeks
- Cody visited Sitka this week. He had several good conversations with staff and faculty.
- Cody attended Educause. He saw many vendors and he's now getting tons of emails. There were over 300 vendors at the conference. John Ingman and Tim Powers also attended the conference.
- Cody has questions about how to help UAS move in particular directions. Example = faculty brings forward a particular software like Adobe Spark. To what extent does IT follow through things like single sign-on? Example: Juneau TLTR is asking people who want to make changes to a room, to fill out form which will be reviewed by TLTR and other relevant groups.
 - Discussion – this also includes when do we “let go” of technology. The regional TLTR meets only once a month so it's not an appropriate place but there needs to be a process, a framework, is needed.
 - IT needs to provide information about the technology.
 - We should identify the need and not just focus on tools.
 - Ease of use is important.
 - Problem with any short term pilot – not that many people will test out a new product if they don't know if it will be adopted.
- Susie may be working on a project that will result in a framework for proposing and testing things – will bring to our January 2019 meeting,
- Cody: How should he respond to faculty? Should faculty be encouraged/discouraged/neutral about using “outside” tools? TLTR members believe faculty should be informed that the helpdesk can't support faculty/students on “outside” tools but it's good for faculty to explore if they are confident in learning to use the tool and support their students. TLTR discussed this in 2015 and drafted a document with recommendations. We should look at it and updated as needed. The concern is we have a marketplace that offers to shares our Google/Facebook credentials to access online apps. It would be good to have better internet literacy amongst faculty/staff/students so everyone is aware of the consequences of sharing credentials, etc. Susie, Cody and Kim volunteered to be part of group to look at this document before January 2019 meeting.

CELT Update

- **Digital Faculty Fellows.** The following have selected: Ye Chen, Robin Gilcrist, Susie Feero and Brandon Chapman. We should expect some changes for next year. The application process will take place during the spring semester so that there can be more time for planning or potentially working on projects during the summer.
- **Teaching Squares.** This peer observation project is now completed. There was a wrap-up meeting Nov 9th. Faculty who participated found it a positive experience and enjoyed observing others classes
- **Student Engagement Strategies.** Tomorrow (Friday, Nov 16th) at noon. Emily Williams from School of Education in Egan 103 and via Zoom – see CELT website for link.
- Future sessions:
 - **Embedded Tutoring** – Wednesday Nov 18th at 11:30 am – Tutors from the Learning and Writing centers have been embedded in several classes. Faculty and staff will share their experience and plan for next semester.
 - **Accessibility** – We had one session already and Maureen will be giving a session Nov 29th for School of Education. If other faculty or departments want some sessions (on this or other topics) please let Maureen know at mohalloran@alaska.edu
 - **Voicethread** - This program is now available through Blackboard Integration as well as single sign-on at <http://uas.voicethread.com>
 - Additional information about Voicethread is on the CELT/IDN website at:
 - <http://uas.alaska.edu/celt/idn/voicethread/>
 - There will be an upcoming Voicethread online session (from Voicethread) – time TBD.

Upcoming Topics

- Framework for reviewing and making decisions about tools
- Using external cloud based tools (review of document)
- Hardware tools (e.g., recording studio) as well as software –can 3 campuses share experience/decisions. Facilitate information flow.

Upcoming Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for 11 am Thursday January 17, 2019.