

LMS Review Taskforce

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2015

I. Call to order

Sasha Thackaberry called to order the regular meeting of the LMS Review Taskforce on February 12, 2015 at 3:02PM.

II. Roll call

Melanie Thompson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Please see KWeb Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting.

IV.

- a) Sandbox Party Updates - We have had some participation at East, West and Westshore. Metro was not attended. (*Sasha Thackaberry*)
- b) LMS Vendor Q&A/Office hours – Blackboard has offered to host virtual office hours. We have asked the other vendors to also host virtual office hours. Genevieve will send out a meeting invite for the sessions. The sessions will be recorded. If you have questions please send them to Genevieve. (*Genevieve Kilmer*)
- c) Additional Information from Vendors – The vendors included information regarding enterprise wide survey tools and some other features. Sasha has contacted Dr. Hartley and shared the information about the survey tools. We have also met with the vendors about Outcomes tools. D2L gave a demo to the Outcomes Committee. (*Sasha Thackaberry*)
- d) Additional Meeting on Monday, February 23rd at 3PM – The meeting invite will be sent out by Melanie. (*Melanie Thompson*)
- e) Reference call progress – The Referral Work Group has scheduled calls with institutions that have transitioned to new learning management systems. The calls are designed to be short recaps from the institutions. We have asked faculty to participate on the calls. (*Sasha Thackaberry*)
- f) LMS Concerns (*Ken Hammer*)

- a. Accessibility – Ken Hammer re: Canvas – The printing of tests is a possible concern with Canvas accessibility. The tab order is also erratic and when there was an attempt to reserve the order the system shut down.
 - b. D2L and partnerships for Accessibility – There are not major concerns with D2L. All the functions worked. D2L is working with the America Federation for the Blind.
 - c. Blackboard – There are issues with calendar functions, events are not accessible.
- g) Hosted Models – differences between them – Each of the systems has a different hosting model. (*Sasha Thackaberry*)
- a. Canvas is cloud hosted and updates are pushed to users.
 - b. D2L provides a production system that allows the user to test the update and decide when to release the update.
 - c. Blackboard in the current version is behind a firewall.
 - d. Blackboard cloud version is different
 - i. Functionally in terms of our interaction it would not change much
 - ii. We heard they have a public cloud hosting – we will get a quote on that
- h) Java Update – JAVA 1.7 will no longer be supported in April. LMS vendors will need to respond to this and we need to know how they will react to the JAVA updates. (*Ace Gayhart*)
- i) Clarification regarding use of rubric and survey monkey - Use the excel spreadsheet. Download the spreadsheet enter your data. Use it as it applies to you. Calculates the average. Put your comments in comment field on spreadsheet. When you begin to enter your results into Survey Monkey use the comments for red flags only. There are a few fields that are required. We ask for your name for follow up questions. (*George Kanieski*)
- j) FINAL CONSENSUS MEETING IS THURSDAY FEBURARY, 26th (*Melanie Thompson*)
- k) Student Party - We had a targeted group that met on 2-11. They were forthcoming with their comments. We are putting the data into spreadsheet. Students gave lengthy

comments. Since they all use Blackboard it is hard to be unbiased. (*Diane Gaston*) We had two student government members testing. (*Diana Del Rosario*)

l) Testing Discussion

Canvas

Cheryl Knight - Does it time out at a certain time? What is the conference tool? Can it be a substitute Adobe Connect? Could not find the wiki or blog.

Genevieve – The conference tool is Big Blue button.

Sasha – Full time faculty can get an Adobe Connect account.

George – Tested discussion posting a Flickr image displayed in message.

George - Video capture in discussion not sure it was going to work this one did go through. Discussions board not auto updating.

Susan – The video worked for Susan.

Diane – Student can use the web address for the calendar, it was an android app.

Cindy – Adding an announcement to all course was not easy to do.

Emily – You can go forward and back, but difficult going from thing to thing, pages vs modules confusing

Cheryl – While there are some things that are confusing, there

Emily – It might be difficult for students to navigate backward and forward.

Susan – Canvas list generated hard coded areas

Diane – D2L discussion board can see up to 5 individuals on Canvas can see only 1 at a time.

D2L

Sasha - Found blog in D2L. Video Capture did not work at home.

Cindy – Could not move items in a course to course copy.

George – The auto feedback is a problem.

Susan – You can change the feedback. Intelligent agent feature. Is this intelligent agent a part of the package?

George - The naming conventions are a problem.

George -The spell checker is not good not contextual. HTML editor takes out tags without

George - Gradebook in Brightspace, created a quiz to take it unlimited times, get a better score. It seemed that it wanted to publish the grade.

Mike P. – ePortfolio Tool is interesting, you can reflect on assignment. Still feel lost in many place in Brightspace. Gradebook is next on the list. Brightspace responsive will faculty use it, is it worth the investment?

Blackboard

Emily – Moving dates was difficult if you moved by months.

Angela – On the Mac it asked her to purchase an app in student view.

All

Sasha – video capture from text editor did not really work.

Genevieve – We have had a brief discussion about their new version D2L we asked them to send us video of some of the updates. We have asked them to show us. We asked D2L about the nomenclature we can customize some of this. Blackboard also has an updated interface. Asking for video.

V. Adjournment - Sasha Thackaberry adjourned meeting at 4:35pm