

LMS Review Taskforce

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2015

I. Call to order

Sasha Thackaberry called to order the regular meeting of the LMS Review Taskforce on March

II. Roll call

Melanie Thompson conducted a roll call. Please see KWeb Roll Call for list of attendees

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Melanie Thompson will send minutes by email for approval next week.

IV. Meeting Notes

a. Update on the Process

- The LMS Review Celebration will be on April 16th
- Tech Forum User & Tech Forum Steering Committees have approved the LMS Review recommendation and agreed to funding for training
- Currently we are in the contract in signing phase – Contract is not signed yet. Working on Blackboard IM in the contract. Some faculty use the IM tool this and now it is a part of Blackboard collaborate

c. Announcement of the LMS Review Taskforce Recommendation

- The announcement was sent out thru Integrated Communications. Did not go to students. We now need to determine how to send to students. Communications committee still has some things to do

d. Planned Communications

- Leanne suggested ITC and My Tri-C Space. We will want to work with Blackboard on the Press release to control the message. Vendors have been notified. Nothing has been published publicly.
- Internal Communications

a) President's Council - Sasha & Pat presented to President's Council. Great to see faculty leadership in the room.

b) President's Cabinet – Sasha & Pat will present to the President's cabinet.

e. Planning Implementation

Sasha - If anyone would like to join Phase II of the project you can join. Others outside this group can join. Pat had suggestions on training. We have not gone to the service credit committee. We don't have a clear list of involvement for this phase yet.

George - It would be a good idea to survey faculty on what modalities they want for training. They could also volunteer to present or have a special topic presentation.

Emily - would this be for the summer? Earning summer service credits. Once past end of this semester. If happening in summer next years' service credits

George – Faculty can declare service credit work in May and begin the work in the summer.

Sasha – We need to craft what the level of involvement is required.

Cindy – What is timeline for the implementation of Blackboard?

GMK – Blackboard is rolling some things out in April. We do not plan to roll out until we have time to test.

Cindy – I thought on June 2016 the contract was over.

Sasha – We are working on the timeline vague at this point. Since we are signing with the same company the contract end date not an issue.

GMK – Aiming for fall 2016 to implement new Blackboard. We are working it back from fall 2016.

Sasha - Dean Del Rosario want to remind us that students would like to see standard buttons

Diane Gaston – This may be difficult for faculty.

George – We could have a set of buttons for different disciplines, maybe part of training, I don't think it is impossible.

Susan- Perhaps standardized by department?

George – Maybe a supplemental site has less buttons? If a course is more interactive, more buttons? Possibly some common variations that students will look for.

Sasha – The new course template is not used by all faculty. I think this is a concern and Dean Delrosario wanted it communicate that to the group. We don't want any impression that we are taking away buttons.

George – Request faculty counterpart groups discuss how the groups can use the course to course template. I think it is reasonable to ask for a standard of consistency. Students should be told there can be exceptions.

Cindy – Since this version of Blackboard allows an old look and a new look, this would have an impact on training.

George – Thinks the training should be done in Blackboard classic. Then the alternative views of Bb could be presented as an additional session or special topic workshop. Students would get the 2 versions.

Sasha – There is a name conventions part to it.

f. Phase II Volunteers

George Kanieski

Pat Stansberry

V. Adjournment

Sasha Thackaberry adjourned the meeting.