

## **Academic Technology and Online Education Committee Minutes**

September 11, 2012

HUB 123

3:30-5:00

**Present:** Christian Roberson (Chair), Cheryl Baker, Nancy Betchart, Daniel Bramer, Denise Burchsted, Pam Childs, Rich Grossman, Hridaya Hall, Jong-Yoon Kim, Kristine Levan, Liesl Lindley, Scott Robison, Meagan Shedd, Eun-Ho Yeo, David Zehr

**Unable to attend:** None

**Scribe:** Christian Roberson

### **Acceptance of May 2012 minutes**

### **Election: Chair**

Christian was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made. Christian was unanimously elected.

### **Discussion: Student Members**

Christian discussed the status of student members. The committee is waiting on SG to elect their representative. Christian will work with Nancy and Cheryl to work on getting frost student and graduate student representatives.

### **Discussion: Adobe Connect**

Scott provided an overview of the functionality of Adobe Connect. Nancy cited this as something Languages might be interested in. Currently LTOE is running a small pilot with 10 faculty. Scott needs help figuring out how to best get these types of tools out to faculty and get feedback. He wants to move less to a push-based model for technology adoption. ATOEC could help with collection of feedback and relaying of information to faculty. Christian asked about the replacement of Big Blue Button. Scott ideally would like to see both Connect and BBB supported, but that is not decided yet. Meagan asked about issues with students and application of this to courses. Rich commented on a “shoot-out” of trying various products that compete with this at a previous institution and liked this one the best. Another potential avenue is system-level purchasing to leverage better pricing. GSC and UNH use Blackboard’s Collaborate for this type of need. Scott commented on the differences between Connect and BBB. Liesl asked if there will be additional solicitation of feedback beyond the pilot. Some potential uses of Connect were suggested by committee members. Meagan proposed potentially surveying faculty about interest. Rich provided some insight into costs for Connect.

### **Update: LTOE Tools**

Scott provided a summary of the other tools listed on the agenda. All the other comparators for PSU have anti-plagiarism tools. David pointed out the faculty did have some concerns when surveyed six years ago. He also cited studies showing large numbers of false positives. Cheryl commented on a small test used for doctoral students in CoGS. Cheryl pointed out that the repository is now optional at the discretion of the instructor. Christian mentioned it would be good to include faculty in any decisions about this software. Respondus Lockdown browser can be used to secure down a browser during an online activity. SmarterMeasure is a tool to gauge

readiness for online courses. Scott needs to know how to communicate these to the faculty. Liesl also suggested bringing it to council of chairs.

**Discussion: PSU's Online Policies Document**

Christian provided an overview of the online policies document and its history. Scott added some details from LTOE's perspective. Christian asked the committee if it would make sense to do a review of the policy this year. The committee seems interested in doing so; Christian will schedule it for a future meeting.

**Next meeting:** October 9, 2012, 3:30, HUB 123

Meeting adjourned at 4:45