Faculty IT Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, November 20th, 2012; 2:00-3:00pm Lincoln Room, Memorial Union

(Combined meeting with Online Education Committee-LMS Selection)

Members Present: Floyd Davenport (ISS), John Christensen (School of Law), Rosemary Walker (School of Business), Rusty Taylor (Allied Health), Shaun Schmidt (Chemistry), Mary Pilgram (Communication) Guests: Brenda White (ISS).

1. **Call to Order** Tim Peterson (Online Education Committee Chair) called the meeting to order and introductions were made of FITAC and Online Ed. Committee members.

2. **October 15th, 2012 Minutes** Minutes from the October 15th, 2012 meeting were previously distributed-approval will be asked of FITAC members online.

3. **Discussion Items**
   
   a. **LMS selection**
      
      Tim Peterson presented the group with a recap of the LMS evaluation process to date. The following evaluation data was discussed:
      
      1. **LMS References**-Tim gave a brief overview of the references for each vendor and their product. References consisted of listed and unlisted. Essentially the references called upon were generally satisfied with their choice of an LMS. Allied Health faculty did contact nursing faculty references at Pittsburgh State who communicated that they were unhappy with their selection of Canvas.
      
      2. **Vendor Demos and Sandbox Trials**-Each vendor spent two days on campus presenting their product to campus groups of faculty, students, and staff. Each vendor also made available sandbox areas for faculty, students, and staff to work in and further evaluate their product.
      
      3. **Dig Deeper Sessions**-Brenda White gave a brief overview of the dig deeper sessions for each vendor that consisted of drop-in half-day sessions in the TLC and a remote webinar with vendor representatives to answer any further questions. Attendance for the sessions was low, although Allied Health faculty were very involved. They were thanked for their participation.
      
      4. **Faculty Survey**-Tim Peterson presented the group with the comparative survey results from faculty and staff. Overall the 40 respondents seemed to favor Canvas for most areas and Desire2Learn as a second choice.
      
      5. **Student Survey**-Tim Peterson presented the group with the comparative survey results from students. Overall the 30 respondents favored Blackboard Learn as their LMS choice with Desire2Learn as a second choice. Brenda White added that some students that participated only did so by attending the demonstrations and filling out individual paper surveys-this included some students identified by Student Services and specifically evaluating an LMS on its accessibility functions. It was noted that these students rated the accessibility for all three LMS products as equal.
      
      6. **Other Faculty Feedback**- Stuart Murphy reported that several other faculty not on either FITAC or the Online Education Committee gave very valuable
feedback in individual evaluation sheets. He presented their information to the group and thanked them for their participation.

7. **ITS Observations**-Stuart Murphy reported on areas that the Online Education Support area works with such as: training, support from the vendor, maintenance and work within the LMS product, integration with Banner (including grade pass back), and authentication.

8. **Other Evaluation Data**-no other data was reported.

After discussion by the committees, Donna LaLonde made a motion to recommend selecting Desire2Learn for the LMS including the purchase of the Analytics toolset for an additional $21,238.00 annually.

Reasons for not selecting Canvas included: lack of support for SCORM, assessment tool lacking in multiple functions, structure for tracking learning outcomes within assessments is cumbersome, and a weak analytics tool.

Reasons for not selecting Blackboard Learn included: significantly higher cost than Desire2Learn with similar capabilities, faculty at other institutions reported success using Desire2Learn.

The motion was seconded by Shaun Schmidt (FITAC).

Tim Peterson asked if Donna would like to amend the motion to include a required training for the LMS. Donna added that the training should be effective. Rosemary Walker added that training should be flexible; including online and face-to-face sessions.

The motion was passed to recommend Desire2Learn as the LMS for Washburn.

The recommendation will be presented to the Technology Steering Committee on Friday, November 30th, 2012.

4. **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at approx. 4:15pm.

Submitted by Brenda White.

Approved by FITAC 1-17-13.