

TLTR Meeting – 1/26/2007

Attendees: Susie, Marnie, Anselm, Michael, Alice, Marsha, Stephanie, Colleen, John

Announcements

- Online Tutoring will be in place soon. Product is Smart Thinking purchased as part of a Title III grant from Ketchikan. Concern was expressed about whether faculty will promote the service and whether in-person Learning Centers are still available. Request that Learning Centers will set up a web page gateway.
- Presentation on Online Assessment by Marsha and Michael was well attended and we have been asked by the Provost to repeat it.
- Educause will be in Seattle in the fall. It is the leading organization for technology in Education. Mike and Barney will likely be going.

Special Project – No report

Budget – Enrollment down, 9% down from projections, expect \$20K short

Regional Retreat –

We scheduled for a full day on Feb 16th and the time will be focused on providing recommendations. Our umbrella topic will be: **online student support**
Additionally the following issues may be discussed:

- Strategic plan feedback
- 2009 Accreditation

Online student support

Our discussion about student support issues ranged broadly and centered on the ideas of identifying and intervening with at-risk students.

Declining enrollment

We discussed a variety of reasons and speculated on the causes for the drop in enrollment this academic year. There was no decision to pursue this as an agenda item for the retreat.

Turnitin

Robbie has asked for our recommendation. The Plagiarism Committee for faculty senate indicated that they would be happy for us to provide one. We agreed to investigate the product and provide guidance to Robbie and the committee.

Suggested that we answer the questions:

- Is this service useful for students?
- Should UAS buy it?

Key recommendations:

- Promote as a voluntary student and faculty service to help identify and understand plagiarism
- Negotiate that Turnitin does not retain student work (avoiding intellectual property disputes)

Additional issues discussed

- Pilot project for interactive chat through web for Helpdesk/Student Services
 - Positive response. People thought good idea.
 - Susie wants it for advising
 - Stephanie would use it.
- Training – Assistive technology for disabilities support
 - Rich Sanders from ATLA presented.
 - Session by Kaela Parks will be taped & streamed from the faculty development seminar on Feb. 16th.
- UASOnline Performance Report - Anselm requests a report about slowdown issues in UASOnline. What kinds of issues IT is dealing with to keep the performance up?
- Student Ratings on Technology
 - Mike offered to report on top issues & what ITS has done about them
- Student Participation
 - Stephanie indicated that Hans the new vice president will be coming also.

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