University of Alaska Southeast
Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable

March 30, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Colleen McKenna

Marsha Gladhart

Michael Ciri

Joesph Sears

Anselm Staack

Matt Heavner

New Student Representative – Jonathan Chereck

Phone: Jill Hanson, Sitka

Marni Chapman, Sitka

Vicki Inkster, Ketchikan

Announcements:

1. Marsha distributed an Educational Technology Team (ETT) grant proposal by Dallas Budden and Torie Foote–: Proposal submission reviewed for the College of Rural and Community Devlopment for an information literacy CD.

Michael Ciri and Joe Sears discussed how effective this proposal would actually be. The Help Desk could provide assistance to those who do this grant. They need to scope the project around what they could sustain. Perhaps grant money is not the best approach, and this should use ongoing regular budget dollars to support it.

Marsha Gladhart indicated that the proposal was initially rejected, and that it needed work to gain acceptance because it might get better acceptance with collaboration with Juneau TLTR.

2. Retreat Summary and Clarifications of Recommendations

Telephones in the classrooms: Alice had shared questions by email about telephones in the classroom. Michael Ciri said phones have been purchased that have the ringers turned off. Presently making the phones user friendly and installing them in a user friendly manner has been worked on. This is for the Juneau campus at this point. The projected date of installation has not been decided.

TLTR Portfolio – March 2007 Retreat Reviewed

Recommendations were review in order.

Classroom Instructional Technologies:

Michael Ciri is going to post additional comments online.

Joseph Sears posted changes and updates to the TLTR March 2007 Retreat portfolio
Marsha felt that the recommendation under Faculty Training should be expanded and explained.

Jonathan, the student rep. indicated that it appears that more than a few faculty don't know how to operate the projectors and some of the basic equipment.

The norm should be that classes, even campus classes, use UAS Online. Students expect it, and it should become the mainstream approach.

Faculty support on Barney's Website was reviewed.
Michael Ciri indicated faculty should be subscribers to the UAS Online Support Group page.

The TLTR Chair is to make a "push" to get all TLTR members to sign up for the UAS Online Support page.

Seamless and Error Free IT Tools / Resources:

Marni and Michael Ciri discussed discussion forum approaches and ideas as to how to communicate to users.

Michael suggested preparing some possible implementation approaches for review

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Michael Ciri made a presentation on use of activity logs to determine students at risk. Such activity logs would help faculty and administrators to determine interaction.
He also discussed other enhancements and will post a summary of those enhancements to UAS Online.

Marsha has indicated that everyone should subscribe to the TLTR Weblog(s); and she will send out a reminder and instruction – so that we can finalize the retreat subjects in the April meeting. They will go forward after the April meeting in whatever form they are.

Feedback on the on-line tutorials – "Smart thinking" is to be requested from faculty members through their TLTR representative.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon

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