UAS Regional TLTR Meeting
10/10/2011, 1:30-3:00 PM
Chancellor's Conference Room, UAS Juneau campus

In attendance: Marnie Chapman, Jill Hanson, Maureen O'Halloran, Jon Martin, Kim Schulte, Megan Buzby, Michael Ciri, Lee Graham, Maren Haavig, Tracy Leithauser, Tony Martin, Colleen McKenna, Rick Caulfield

History and Purpose of TLTR:

- Need to tie goals of TLTR to UAS core themes and objectives/UAS strategic and assessment plan
- Revitalized committee consists of several reps from each campus, some who have been on committee for awhile, and some newbies
- Committee has been helpful as a forum to discuss technology before it is purchased and/or implemented, and prior to major changes
- TLTR has never been a decision-making body, but a roundtable for discussion – bring the interested parties together to advise the provost, but not to vote or make decisions
- Valuable to include a mix of techies and non-techies
- Focuses more on technology use in teaching and learning rather than non-academic tech
- Colleen McKenna will serve as a liaison to faculty senate
- Carol Hedlin serves on Student Success and can bring info back and forth

Mission

- Current statement says that TLTR exists to "make informed decisions, sustain collaborative change, and develop better strategies"
- TLTR is actually more of a roundtable forum for discussing technology issues and impacts and making recommendations - not for making decisions
- Campus TLTR committees will meet separately about issues that only affect their campuses, then bring the most important ones to the regional committee
- Strategic vs. operational: best things the committee has done tie strategy to operations… committee discussion extend to both when necessary
- Mission statement: Marnie, Kim and Colleen will take these thoughts and draft a mission statement for discussion at the next meeting
- Student involvement
  - Can we get reps from each of the three campuses?
  - Could be helpful to get different types of students: i.e. traditional, non-traditional students, those who are not comfortable with technology
  - Tough to get students to attend regularly, but we could have sessions for student feedback, or implement some kind of social networking feedback mechanism
    - Tony will try to find a Juneau "traditional" student
    - Ketchikan and Sitka will each find a rep

Meeting frequency:

- Monthly for the regional group
- Campuses groups will meet as necessary
- Tony will work with Gillian to create a Doodle for a meeting around the week of October 24.

Major task this year: Transition to Blackboard

- UASOnline is currently a portal to a variety of tools
- Statewide conversation revolves around having one consistent system at all MAUs
- Chancellor wants to move toward greater alignment with other campuses
- UASOnline will still be the portal, but more of the backend will come from Blackboard
- Chancellor wants system to more visibly show Blackboard branding
- Target date for switch is Fall 2012
- UASOnline will still exist, transition needs to be well managed
- TLTR will examine how to alleviate faculty fear and provide training and information about the migration/transition
- Old course Web sites will stay in place as "archives"
- Issues to discuss
    - What does UASOnline have right now that is vitally important to hang onto?
    - What does Blackboard have to offer?
    - Gap analysis? Where are we now and where do we want to be?
    - How will it look? The current plan is that the inside of a class site will look like any other BB course site, and only the home page will be UAS customized
    - Important to troubleshoot browser incompatibility, platform issues, etc.
    - If users are going to have full-on access to change sidebars and site layout, a template and standards would be extremely helpful.
    - Students want continuity – a template for Blackboard "layout" could help provide this