

## Regional TLTR Minutes October 25, 2018

Regional TLTR members present: Cody Bennett, Susie Feero, Virgil Fredenberg, Wendy Horn, John Ingman, Jon Martin, Kimberly Matsuura, Maureen O'Halloran, Anne Spehar, Tim Powers, Sr., and Jennifer Ward Also present: Provost Karen Carey and Robin Gilcrist

Minutes from September 20, 2018 meeting: Approved

### Regional TLTR Topics:

#### Accessibility

- It is on our radar, but unsure of progress. CELT had an accessibility workshop. Ten to twelve faculty showed up, DSS went over meaning of accessibility, Ye Chen presented briefly (checklist for website), Maureen went over some items to increase awareness about tools (word, acrobat, etc) and possible concerns for use.
- The hope is to have future sessions with more in-depth topics.
- Maureen is adding a page to the IDN website for accessibility and hopes to have more sessions available too.
- Quality Matters just released an accessibility toolkit in the form of a Moodle course – anyone can log in and create an account using UA credentials to sign up. Maureen will send out an update on that.
- Karen asked about how aware the UAS employees are of accessibility.
- Ann curious about funds available for asynchronous courses to go back and increase accessibility and also for moving forward with future courses. That might be something to pursue after we have a better grasp on the tools to increase accessibility (perhaps a workshop approach). It would be beneficial to have instructional designers work with faculty; Susie mentioned that she was able to adjust her approach to asynchronous and creates a script in advance. Concerns about the time consuming nature of accessibility. It was mentioned that there are other trainings from instructional designers that are offered, but not getting a lot of traction.
- Karen is willing to help spread the word from her post. It was suggested that there be direct assistance offered to guide faculty through the process. To walk through the process step by step with the faculty's course would give practical guidance.
- It would be great to have colleagues talk about some of the good things that are being done.
- Keep the regional element in mind so it's not just Juneau with KTN/SIT afterthought. When sending out communications, keep the priority list in mind too.
- Tim mentioned that there would be another session at the spring startup to get more faculty involved and increasing awareness to make headway of changing culture.

## Regional Technology Update

- Banner 9 upgrade will occur at the end of October
- Blackboard Upgrade 12/21, latest major + theme change
- Educause: Tim Powers, John Ingman, David Felts will attend
- Early course access. The courses have been created.
- UAA visit +UAF/Crestron training
- IT will work on network upgrades on the Juneau Campus over winter break. There will be brief network outages during the upgrade.

## CELT Update

### Trainings

- Voicethread demo on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- Jonas will visit Sitka and will give a session on OER on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The session will be available in Juneau and Ketchikan using Google Hangouts. Join by checking on the CELT calendar. It will also be broadcast in EG103 on the Juneau Campus.
- Student engagement strategies on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Check CELT website for details.
- CELT is planning to survey faculty for desired training topics. Additional information will be provided at a later date.
- Tim will give a presentation from his Educause visit after he returns from the conference.
- If a department wants an accessibility session, that is certainly an option. Perhaps “how to make syllabus more accessible” or “how to get started using YouTube closed captioning”.
- The Digital Faculty Fellows applications have been received and will be reviewed this week. The Digital Fellows program is a holdover from Bill & Melinda Gates foundation project. The projects are only for undergraduate courses, but general opinion was that there was not a limit. It would be worthy to reach out to the Provost about that discrepancy.

## Upcoming Meetings

We are meeting on Thursdays this academic year. Our next meeting is scheduled for 11 am on Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup>.