

Meeting of the Library, Media, and Information Systems Committee of
University Puget Sound, 11 November 2007

Present: O'Neill, Smith, Tinsley, Sherman, Thornton, Tubert, Hong, Greene,
Ricigliano, DeMarais, Dasher, Randy Bentson (math and computer sci)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dasher at 9:02 a.m.
the minutes for the meeting of September 11 and October 9 were approved
without modification.

The first item on the agenda was the chairman's request for a report on the
search for a new Chief Technology Officer.

After some discussion it appeared that the committee strongly favors
candidate Molly Tamarkin, as having more of a vision of forward motion for
the University than the other candidates

Moving onto the next item on the agenda Chairman Dasher reviewed our
charges from the faculty Senate. The question of classroom wireless access
has been dropped as charge, the search for chief technology officer is in
process, the copyright and intellectual property statements are in process and
to be resolved in the spring.

Next item on the agenda was a discussion of the Budget Task Force
recommendation for technical support, a matter to be revisited in the spring
term when the recommendations of the Budget Task Force come forward.

Randy Bentson reported on his class's constructive work on Moodle, it was
suggested that NITLE be engaged to host Moodle, and there was discussion
of the timing of the conversion and move of courses from Blackboard to
Moodle. Conversion tests are currently under way. Not all 800 courses on
the books need to be converted

Randy Bentson will organize a Moodle site for the Library Media and
Information Systems Subcommittee to see and will mount an outline and
text in wiki format after Thanksgiving.

The consensus of the committee is that things are coming together at the
right time, the response to the Chief Technology Officer candidate, and the
shift to Moodle are both positive.

The conversion to Moodle is expected to take 1 1/2 years and could happen faster with more resources, as early as fall -- staffing is always the issue and staffing depends on money.

Randy Bentson also reported on an audio module, a Java app, "Moodle Speak" which will be the University Puget Sound's contribution to Moodle. It will not be available in Moodle 1.9 but the enhancements by Randy's class should show up in the next version.

Whoever becomes the Moodle administrator on UPS campus will inherit the documentation of Moodle Speak though "many hands make light work" is still our watchword

There was then a discussion of the report by Randy Thornton about division of the campus networks in academic and residential parts. This will isolate gaming and downloads and is expected to give uniformly high-level service to faculty.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mott T. Greene