

LMIS - Library, Media, and Information Systems

The meeting was called to order 2006/09/08 15:05 in WSC 202 by John Hanson as senate representative. Present were LMIS members (or representatives) Randy Bentson, William Dasher, Alyce DeMarais (representing Kris Bartanen), Renée De Voursney, Karen Fischer, John Hanson, Norm Imamshah, Andrew Nierman, Patrick O'Neil, Lotus Perry, Daniel Sherman, and Katherine Smith. Peggy Firman was present as a guest.

The first order of business was to elect chair. Nierman was the nominated candidate chosen by election.

Bentson volunteered to act as recording secretary.

The minutes of May 1, 2006 were approved as read/distributed.

The following meeting dates were proposed and accepted for the remainder of this term: Sep 22, Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 3, Nov 17, and Dec 1. The directors of OIS and Library were invited to give reports to LMIS regarding issues they would like LMIS to consider. They are scheduled for Oct 6 & Sep 22 respectively.

Three old topics were discussed: learning management systems, copyright ownership, and wireless access.

Learning Management (néé Course Management System (CMS))

General discussion noted that Blackboard lacks desired features, isn't easily changed to meet our needs, and is becoming more expensive. Thus a replacement should be considered. Randy Thornton has installed Moodle for consideration. Perry expressed concern about loss of Blackboard, specifically that the transition to another system be well thought out. Imamshah will ask Thornton to provide Sakai for evaluation. O'Neil & Sherman's department has largely dropped Blackboard and will consider alternates. A subcommittee was proposed with Perry, O'Neil, and Sherman, working in consultation with Randy Thornton, to explore this issue. (The formal charge wasn't made. Nierman will ask Barbara Weist to join the subcommittee.)

Copyright

DeMarais reports that Kris Bartanen is in process of carrying last term's LMIS proposal to legal consul. DeMarais will clarify an exclusion based on language in some grants. Bentson will send Hanson a copy of last term's proposal for consideration by the senate.

Wireless

Last term LMIS proposed that wireless service be implemented by priorities. Imamshah recommended that LMIS's priority list identify specific areas, not just areas by function. He further informed us that residence halls are constructed using a different budget. A motion proposing the formation of a subcommittee to determine priority and price was moved and approved, but the committee didn't identify members. O'Neil raised concern about effects of ubiquitous WiFi. We'll likely discuss topic this term.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:10

Respectfully submitted, Randy Bentson