

# LMIS - Library, Media, and Information Systems

Meeting was called to order by Nierman at 15:08, November 3, 2006.

Present were: Dan Sherman, John Hanson, Katherine Smith, Yvonne Swinth, Norm Imamshah, Karen Fischer, Lotus Perry, Bill Dasher, Randy Thornton (guest), Patrick O'Neil, Andrew Nierman, Randy Bentson, Stacey Weiss, Peggy Firman (guest), Renée De Voursney (representing Ed Altorfer), Alyce DeMarais (representing Kris Bartanen).

Thornton discussed his timeline chart. The Software Decision should be made by about mid-March to allow time for follow-on including preparation cost documentation by May 1 for BTF budget process start in mid-May. Pilot testing based on test hardware is concurrent with budgeting.

Thornton will distribute a report early next week on his at the NITLE conference regarding LMS decisions. A few large schools have enterprise Blackboard and with pricey support. Schools using our version of Blackboard are departing in great numbers. Common alternatives are Moodle, Sakai, Angel, and Desire2Learn. There's a Moodle contingent in NITLE, and some schools have good reports on Sakai. Angel and Desire2Learn are expensive products (on Microsoft platform).

NITLE is establishing a on-line support system for Moodle, with one full-time person at Macalester College.

Thornton commented on the conversion process. There was some interest in testing in Spring 2007 -- O'Neil, Perry and Bentson will participate. Thornton pointed out that both Sakai and Moodle are rapidly evolving.

The official LMIS LMS committee is now: Patrick O'Neil, Lotus Perry, Dan Sherman, Randy Thornton, Elizabeth Knight, and Barb Weist. There will be discussion with STAB.

Moodle doesn't look like Blackboard, but may not be hard to learn without training. O'Neil thought this good because most faculty and students are unlikely to spent time on training.

Wireless committee is to be: De Voursney, Bentson. It is to develop list of building in priority order. Imamshah says Thompson is covered by construction. Major sites yet to consider are South Hall, Music, Art, Sculpture, ....

Adjourned at 15:58.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Bentson