Committee on Academic Technology
February 28, 2014
Final Minutes

Attendance

Present: Gary Meyer (Co-chair), Bruce Boyden, Mike Class, Steven Crane, Scott D'Urso, Kuyil Kim, Kathy Lang, Patrick Loftis (Co-Chair), Shaun Longstreet, Laura Matthew, Jon Pray, Heidi Schweizer, Christopher Stockdale, Janice Welburn, Tom Wirtz, Margaret Cinto

Excused: Lesley Boaz, Jenn Fishman, Patricia Healy

Recorder: Maggie Cinto

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order with a reflection from Chris Stockdale.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes were reviewed and one minor revision (page 2 – last bullet point should read “talk” not “take”) was noted for correction. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

New Business

D2L Issues Update (Jon Pray)

D2L Upgrade and Preserving Purged Courses
Jon discussed the D2L upgrade to 10.3, currently in a training environment, which will take place in May 2014. This upgrade to D2L allows the idea of purging old courses to be revisited and assessed. Courses six years or older would be purged from D2L and the target date for this to take place is December 2014. This led to a discussion about preserving the purged courses with Raynor Memorial Libraries Department of Special Collections and University Archives.

- A few questions that were raised for thought included:
  - Are these courses worth collecting and archiving?
  - How will this archived material be used?
  - How do members of the faculty feel about having their material archived?
    - Issues of copyright
      - Statute of limitations – three years
  - Janice Welburn noted that universities are new to this (archiving D2L courses). She suggested that we look to see what other libraries are doing in this area. Along with this, Janice suggested that the concerns with archiving courses and the value of archiving courses be further examined. Would it be a value to researchers? Janice also gave the example of Penn State which is currently archiving everything. She discussed the idea of looking at our (Marquette University) culture as we consider this archiving process.
  - Discussion then shifted to the material that would be archived. Gary Meyer thought it would be everything in the content section of D2L.
  - The reaccreditation process in relationship to the archived materials was discussed. Gary indicated that syllabi courses taught online, along with syllabi from the College of Professional Studies with other colleges were used in this process.
The discussion shifted to faculty concerns about archiving the D2L material. One question raised during the discussion was, do faculty want this saved? Another idea brought up was the notion that faculty may purge their content prior to Marquette purging the material.

- Shaun Longstreet questioned the format of the export and if this would affect the D2L content to be archived.
- Mike Class questioned faculty intellectual property as it applies to archiving D2L content. Bruce Boyden discussed copyright infringement. It is three years from the last day of infringement (new copy to archive).
- Mike also brought up the idea of letting faculty opt out of archiving the D2L material.
- The discussion on archiving D2L material came to a close with Gary suggesting that there needs to be a lot of discussion about this process. This includes the Committee on Teaching looking at this issue and having a conversation to discuss the pros and cons of preserving the purged courses in archives.

**D2L Closing Date**

Jon reported that at the meeting with the Committee on Academic Policies and Issues the closing date for D2L was discussed. There seemed to be general enthusiasm to move the closing date.

- Gary suggested running a pilot with faculty to see what happens.
- Laura Matthew asked if the new version of D2L would have Turnitin embedded in it. Jon explained that it is $10,000 a year to integrate Turnitin with D2L and did not think we would be getting the funding for it.

**Old Business**

**Subcommittee Updates**

**E-Textbook Subcommittee (Jon Pray)**

There will be a vendor coming in to discuss course packs on Tuesday, March 4th at 1 pm. All members of the committee are invited to attend. There is interest from XanEdu in partnering with libraries.

**Hardware/Software Subcommittee (Tom Wirtz)**

There will be something sent out in the next week or two.

**Technology Day (9/16/14) Update and Discussion (Pat Loftis)**

Pat announced that Kathy Lang and Sara Harvey from the Office of University Advancement are working on identifying a keynote speaker for the Technology Day.

- Kathy then updated the committee on their progress to date. Kathy has been in conversations with PDS, HP, and D2L. PDS may cover the cost to send the speaker. HP has a number of suggestions of well-known people to serve as the keynote speaker. D2L offered to finance something. We as a committee need to figure out what we want them to finance. Sara has also been in contact with alums that may be able to find a speaker.

Pat then discussed the panel discussions to take place. The panelists should be innovative in technology and learning/innovative in technology and research. They should be both interesting to listen to and doing something great on campus. Brainstorm ideas on people: Who might we approach?

- Ideas included call for nominations/applications or both and the possibility of auditions.
- The panel and TEDx talks would consist of the same people.
• Suggestions included
  o Andy Williams – Engineering
  o Jenn Fishman & Beth Godbee – Digital Humanities
  o Shaun Longstreet – Gamification

Mike Class discussed the campus tours and that a list of places to tour is being compiled. What should this visit look like? Do we want it to be open or have presentations? The idea of a passport for swag came up as a possibility for the campus tours.

Pat wrapped up this discussion by asking “What is our aim?” for this day. There is this idea that we want to excite people and encourage collaboration.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.