I. Current Technologies and Updates
   a. Bruce (several items)
      i. Bruce identified participants in the three pilot groups for some of the Web 2.0 technologies including: podcasting, blogs, Wikis, and video streaming. He let the group know that the pilots would be completing this semester and some data was being collected related to moving forward. He let the group know that now would be a good time to let faculty in their respective departments know that solutions would be available for the summer and fall semesters and that if faculty are planning on using these technologies in the classroom to please contact Academic Technology Services (Bruce’s area) and the Learning Technologies and Assessment department (Carol’s area).
      ii. Bruce also reminded the group that ITS is looking to find out what software will be needed in the labs for the fall sessions. Kathy also let the group know that ITS is currently looking to remove all software that is no longer used and in this pass they are doing a “build from scratch” approach. More information will be coming shortly.
   b. Blackboard testing--Respondus: checking into having trial copy for faculty wanting to do more high-stakes testing online. Provides more control over no-print, etc.
      i. Carol identified that we are considering testing this tool and are looking for faculty who would like to be early participants in some of the testing.
      ii. Jack Corliss is coordinating the testing of this tool.
   c. What is going on in your units?
      i. Jim Faught – The Law School will begin to offer a totally online degree. An MJ in Health Law will be offered in conjunction with Kaplan and Concord. There will be 25 students in the first year of the program and it is expected that the number will grow quickly after the first year.
      ii. Carol mentioned that this will be the among the first totally online degrees; Bioethics and IPS currently have online degree programs; Social Work is currently working on developing programs.
      iii. Carol also mentioned that as long as some part of a course has a synchronous component; it will be “covered” as it relates to our accreditation.

II. Topics for discussion
   a. Review of topics: what should be eliminated and what added?
      i. If was determined that Emergency Communications and Campus Communications can be removed from the list of technology items.
      ii. All other items would remain on the list of Technology Priorities.
      iii. The committee decided to add another category: Online Courses
   b. Importance of having alternate in you cannot attend meeting
i. Carol reminded the group to please send an alternate if you find you are unable to attend an ATC meeting.

III. Technology Priorities and Facilitators: (as listed in Wiki: http://academictechnology.pbwiki.com/ password atcluc

Carol mentioned that the Committee Wiki had been updated and reminded the group to please use the Wiki resource and add content and updates to the Wiki for the benefits of all.

Learning Spaces
Jim mentioned to the group that he wanted to begin to develop a “Design Survey” to look at learning spaces. He asked for volunteers to assist.

Electronic Course Evaluations
Carol mentioned that the ITS is currently testing new Electronic Course Evaluation Tools. Modern Languages, Theology, and the Loyola Seminars have offered to help in the testing.

Hardware and Software
Kathy mentioned that ITS is currently working on a “Good, Better, Best” update for both PC and Macs for personal purchases for students, faculty and staff.

Clickers
Carol reminded the group that at the next ATC meeting there will be presentations on Clickers and what we have piloted here at Loyola. Carol emphasized that we are at the point where the ATC needs to make a “Clicker” recommendation to the Steering Committee, so this next meeting will be important for us to attend, invite other interested faculty, staff and students in order to review the clicker presentations.

Digital Media
Bruce had updated the Wiki last week with “Pilot” information around Podcasting, Video Streaming, and Blogs and Wikis. He provided the group with an update earlier in the meeting (See I.a.)

Campus Communication
This content will be removed from the list since a University solution has been implemented.

Emergency Communication
This content will be removed from the list since a University solution has been implemented.

Pedagogical concerns
This item will continue to remain on the list and Carol asked the group to be sure to update the Wiki with our views of “implications” of technology on Pedagogy.

Role of Library
No new news. This item will continue to stay on the list.

Copyright Charges
Janet let the group know that there will be a summer project to develop a “pamphlet” on copyright that is geared to faculty.

Course Management Systems
Mary suggested we expand the topic to include ways to record requests or other suggestions for enhancing our current system.

IV. Presentation: Blackboard 8.0 (Jack Corliss)
Jack provided a presentation to the group which highlighted differences in Blackboard Release 8.0. Jack showed the group:

a. Differences between Blackboard 7.3 and 8.0
b. Mentioned that Blackboard usually provides a release once per year (i.e. 7 to 8) and usually has two fix releases in-between (i.e. 7.3)
c. New features included:
   i. The Grade Center
   ii. A peer assessment building block
   iii. A Safe Assign Tool, which is like Turnitin.com, but has been getting poor feedback from those who have been using the tool so far.
iv. Content System Enhancements (that don’t apply to our environment)

v. A scholar building block (much like a repository for sharing links etc).

d. Jack demonstrated the new Features of the Grade Center. He showed how it looks and acts much like an Excel spreadsheet and contains several reporting capabilities. Jack demo’d how the instructor can directly enter grades.

e. Jack also mentioned that there is no change in the Test Manager.

f. Jack identified that we are currently scheduled to upgrade to Blackboard 8.0 on May 14th, but that the date can be deferred if the recommendation of the ATC and ultimately that of the Steering Committee is to wait on the upgrade.

V. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2008; LSC: Information Commons. Clickers (demo of three systems currently being used on campus). Please invite interested people from your areas so we can elicit feedback to present to the Steering Committee.

Recorder: Bruce Montes