LUC Academic Technology Committee  
Wednesday, May 28  
25 E. Pearson Room 713

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I. Topics for discussion
   a. Blackboard upgrade
      i. There were a few initial problems reported, but those were corrected. LUC staff continue to conduct weekly phone meetings with Blackboard to determine what issues need to be addressed, what our daily usage looks like and what, if any, changes should be made.
      ii. The biggest impact will be in the changes of the grade book, now called Grade Center. ATS/LTA will have a Grade Center training session on August 5 from 10:00-12:00 at WTC. Interested faculty can register by emailing facultyworkshops@luc.edu.
      iii. Because of issues with the archive of older courses (there were corrupted courses), the scheduled deletion of courses older than 18 months did not occur before the upgrade. LUC will have Blackboard repeat the archive process, the courses will be checked, and when the results are satisfactory the older courses will be expunged from Blackboard.
   b. Other updates:
      i. If any department is interested in using Turn-it-In, please contact Anne. She will see arrangements can be made. If a department needs help with the headcount of their unit (needed for determining how much they will need to contribute toward the cost of the plagiarism service), Rick Hurst can provide that information.
      ii. PeopleSoft and Locus are also being upgraded this summer. These projects are under the auspices of the Office of the Provost. Locus training will be conducted this summer for those interested.
      iii. There will be a refresh of technology in the Simpson Multipurpose room: a permanent projector and smart podium will be added.
      iv. Regis will be put online for classes beginning in the fall.
      v. ITS announced that the labs will be upgrading to Office 2007 in the fall semester. Faculty who want this version on office machines should contact ITS (helpdesk@luc.edu).
      vi. Kathy reminded people that LUC has an agreement with Microsoft for discounts on boxed sets of software.
      vii. David E. asked if any academic units would be interested in the mind-mapping software Inspiration. The program allows one to put together ideas in a graphic layout, connect and group ideas, and turn the graphical representation into an outline. If there is enough interest, David would explore requesting a campus-wide license.
II. Initiatives
   a. Clickers:
      i. The group agreed to select two vendors for demonstrations over the summer. The decision should be based on which clickers have the most versatile features for campus-wide use.
      ii. Carol will resend the comparison grid and request feedback concerning which vendors should be included.
      iii. Bruce reported that students in the ITS Focus Groups stated they liked clickers but did not want them to be used as part of their grade.
   b. Copyright publication: Janet and her committee will work on this project over the summer. They will have a pamphlet ready for new faculty this fall.
   c. Online course evaluations:
      i. SNAP was used this spring for several departments with a positive result, though this particular product provided some challenges to work with. If this, or a similar product, is adopted for campus use for course evaluations, we will still keep Opinio for grant projects, etc., as this is approved for use by the IRB.
      d. The SOE successfully used Live Text for their NCATE data, sending spreadsheets to their assessment coordinator. This is the first time this has been an electronic process.
      e. LOCUS upgrade—training is available for the new version. If the ATC is interested, we can arrange a session for the group.

III. Topics for future meetings:
   a. LUC’s IT roadmap
   b. Web and media resources available for faculty
   c. How to effectively determine what resources faculty need
   d. Video conferencing
   e. Web conferencing
   f. Clicker vendors

IV. Presentation: Virtual Clickers (web-based audience response system)—Ron Price
   a. The technical staff at the medical school developed the web interface for the virtual clicker system.
   b. Students login to a website and synchronize any WIFI device
   c. The system is impressive in its capabilities but is not quite ready for a full campus distribution. This is definitely a technology that we need to keep our eyes on, however, as it is versatile and requires no system-based appliances.

V. Presentation II: Bruce and David gave a brief overview of Inspiration software as a follow-up to David’s discussion of wider campus interest in the program.

VI. Next meeting: June 25, 2008. Topic and location: TBA

VII. Wiki: http://academictecnology.pbwiki.com/ password atcluc

Carol Scheidenhelm, meeting recorder