

Educational Technology Committee

November 10, 2016

Notes (approved 1/26/17)

Sue Lorimer (Co-Chair)	DO	PR	Kandace Knudson (Co-Chair)	SCC	PR
Markus Geissler	CRC	PR	Zack Dowell	FLC	PR
Grace Austin	SCC	PR	Marsha Reske	ARC	PR
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Adam Karp	ARC	PR	Stephen McGloughlin	CRC	
Gary Hartley	FLC		Elaine Ader	SCC	PR
Kirk Sosa	CRC	PR	Doug Meline	DO	PR
Steve Bowles	DO	PR	Daniel Gilbert-Valencia	ARC	PR
Jon Santos	ARC	PR	Others: Jason Gregg	DO	PR
Brian Pogue	SCC	PR			

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Co-chair Kandace Knudson.

Approval of Notes from October 27, 2016

The draft notes of the October 27th meeting were approved by consensus.

Campus IT Updates

- ARC – none
- CRC – Markus noted their IT Committee has met and is working on improving the communication process during upgrades.
- FLC – none
- SCC – none
- DO IT – Doug noted there will be a PeopleSoft update this weekend. They are working on the Master Service Agreement with Comcast. The primary line with ARC provided by CENIC through the Chancellor's Office should be completed before the anticipated completion date which was 6/30/17. They will be able to move forward with other locations, however, Elk Grove's install cost is \$700K for 1G and alternatives are being sought.

College LMS/DE Update

- ARC –Canvas is their focus. Marsha noted that they will hold an intersession with nine online courses from December 16 through January 12.
- CRC – none
- FLC – Canvas is their focus.
- SCC – Canvas is their focus.

Report Out on EDUCAUSE Conference

In response to a discussion at the last meeting, the Committee invited Jason Gregg to report on his attendance at the EDUCAUSE conference. Jason reported on his attendance and answered questions. He noted he attended to learn more about Office 365 implementation issues and that Cloud Services are now often using a process they refer to as "Evergreen IT," which is a term coined by Microsoft to mean running services that are always up-to-date. Using Cloud services seems to

be more successful at organizations that are flexible, and those who are more rigid and slow to change (such as LRCCD and many others present at the conference) experience more difficulty. As an example he noted Los Rios is still running Lync 2010 (now called Skype for Business) and Office 2010 instead of the most recent versions. Elaine noted that along with always up-to-date services we need to have continuing professional development to efficiently and effectively use the technology we have.

Sugata Mitra's work on self-organized learning and the "Computer in the Wall" was cited: https://www.ted.com/speakers/sugata_mitra. Discussion also held on VDI (Virtual desktop infrastructure) which is the practice of hosting a desktop operating system within a virtual machine running on a centralized server. The rising costs of owning a data server (electricity, equipment, personnel), might make VDI practical in the future.

Sue noted that EDUCAUSE is a good conference to attend to learn about emerging technologies and to network with other attendees, especially when the conference is held in California. It was noted that there are also subgroup conferences offered. Jason noted that membership in EDUCAUSE is being sought by the District Office to gain access to their resources. FTES would determine campus membership cost. The Committee thanked Jason for his presentation.

Updates on OEI/Canvas

Steve Bowles noted that the launch of Canvas is being delayed so that a college requested template can be applied by the vendor to assist faculty with their transition of courses. They hope the template will make it easier for faculty who do not participate in training to transition their courses. Sue noted that the negotiation with LRCFT for the reimbursement for faculty's time is still ongoing and hopes the email containing the information regarding the launch of Canvas, the compensation available, and contact information on where to get help will go out soon.

Sue noted that the district will cover the \$5000 per college cost of a license with Instructure beginning January 1st. It will provide one year of unlimited use of their set of Canvas trainings/webinars that are tool specific. Some members asked if the e-mail that Sue sends could include information on the types of training available.

Steve noted that Canvas is "Evergreen" and updated constantly. So, there will be changes made and faculty and students will have to adjust.

Mobile Device Management Homework

Kandace noted that she and Sue have developed some questions to guide the campus discussions regarding Mobile Device Management. Members should take these to the appropriate constituencies at their campus and bring back any feedback for February's meeting. Elaine suggested that everyone be mindful of security, ADA requirements, equity issues, and BYOD versus campuses provided devices when they have discussions at their campuses. Also, if a device doesn't serve an educational purpose, then it probably doesn't need to be considered. A survey or student focus group might provide insight on which devices students are utilizing during the pursuit of their educational goals. It was noted that neither the District Office nor the individual colleges are adequately staffed to provide direct support for individuals' personal mobile devices. ARC does provide links to where students/staff can get help with their mobile devices from outside vendors.

Discussion Items

- a. District Technology Plan Update – Sue noted the District Technology Plan Steering Committee met and reviewed the first rough draft. The sections were divided and Sue

hopes to generate a second draft by 11/21 to be shared with the campuses with Board approval expected in February 2017. Sue noted that she's requesting bullet points of information with references to existing documents located at each campus and that the section on Faculty Technology Skills & Professional Development could use some college-level input in response to students' request that faculty use more technology in the classroom. Adam noted that students expect faculty to have expertise in mobile device management.

- b. Innovate Funding Options – postponed to next meeting.

Sue noted that Steve Bowles, Director of IT Production Services, will be retiring from the District after 21 years of service at the end of this semester. Sue and the Committee all thanked Steve for his work, especially with the transition to Canvas. Steve noted that Andrew Brooks will be filling in until his replacement is hired. Doug noted that hiring committee membership will include college participation.

Markus noted that he'll be on Type C leave in the spring and will not be attending meetings.

Future Items

- Top Hat (clicker technology) – PJ suggestion
- BHAGs Idea – Pathways Trainings

Adjourned at 4:10p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017