

DLC MEETING – 13 NOVEMBER 2008

Called to Order – 10:02 by Fedro

Review of Agenda - Zazueta

Approval of Minutes - Zazueta. Approved, 10:03

Attending: Fedro Zazueta, Doug Johnson, Linda Butson, Ron Thomas, Mary Edwards, Anne Allen, Mark McCallister, Ben Campbell, Aaron McEnery, Michael Kung, Keith Newhouse, Mark Reiger, Kris Kirmse, Andy Kellenberger, Scott Blades, Ken Nanni,

Itunes U (Mark McCallister)

- iTunes is a service provided by Apple to sell music, movies, etc.
- Apple requires a certain amount of public content as well as adherence to iTunes standards before “certifying” an iTunes U identity for an institution. Until certified, an institution cannot be public in iTunes.
- Files in iTunes U organized by Courses
- Access to UF instance by GatorLink; current configuration does not allow anonymous login/access
- Current repository is Apple servers; however links can be made to locally-stored files
- Podcasts are typically downloaded, not streamed, media. Subscription automates download and sync to iPod.
- Q: Where is iTunes U pulling classrolls from? A: Currently connected (loosely) to Registrar data.
- Q: How long does a classroll in iTunes U remain “live” allowing access? A: Don't know; will check.
- Q: How are people added manually? A: Contact Mark.
- Q: What about non-UF people? A: Requires person to have a Guest GatorLink account.
- Currently do not have ability to partition management by college/department/program. Unit “admins” have access to all parts of the iTunes U system.
- Looking for more users to beta test and provide feedback for future development.
- Q: How does media upload take place? A: FTP upload. File types, compression settings, and codecs are limited by Apple. Documentation is available about this (search “iTunes U administrator's guide”)
- Q: Have tested with different RSS feeds, or Readers, etc.? A: They don't work. This is Apple/iTunes specific. Files can be distributed in other ways in addition to using iTunes U.
- Kellenberger: Compelling use is that faculty can upload files themselves, as can students. File space is 500MB per file. Current institutional space limited to 500GB.
- Q: Are many files types supported? No: mp3, mp4, PDF files. iTunes may misidentify files based on how it reads file headers.
- Q: Is it possible to publish public content under UF space? A: Not yet. Access at present requires GatorLink login; however, public access will be created in the future.
- Q: Are other universities using iTunes U for promotional purposes, not just academic purposes? A: Yes.
- Q: Do we have a SLA with Apple? Q: Not really. There is a contract with Apple; but service is used on Apple terms; though Apple disavows any claim to content.
- Further questions can be sent to Mark McCallister: markm@ufl.edu

Changes to the Faculty Showcase (Anne Allen)

- Faculty showcase of past changing to faculty symposium
- Scheduled for February 9, 2009 at Reitz Union. All day program, lunch provided. First-come, first-served signup through CITT.
- Primary purpose is to showcase provost initiative courses
- Faculty involved in this program were required to go through a summer symposium for basic training in instructional design
- Faculty showcase to become “Teaching Excellence Workshop,” an interactive workshop for 50-60 participants featuring key elements of summer institute training: instructional design process, feedback from instructors and students participating in provost initiative courses, etc.
- If more people seek access than seats available, additional workshops will be scheduled.
- Formal announcement of program coming in near future.
- 5 provost initiative courses live this term, 15 due to go live in January.

Program Reports

- Kirmse: send in Spring distance learning course for distance education website. Please review course descriptions
- Nanni: Request for additional data related to SACS accreditation. Invite SACS contact to discuss reporting requirements.
- Kung (CITT): working on provost initiative courses for January
- Newhouse (CITT): also working on provost initiative courses including end-of-life course
- Campbell (Ed): 92 fully online sections for spring; about 60 Moodle sites. 1600 students
- Thomas (IFAS): recording capture stations are in use for both on-campus courses and extension programs. ADEC is having F2F meeting at Univ. of Minnesota; but that may become an online program
- Reiger (CALs): College joined “AG IDEA” program [Agricultural Institutions Distance Education Alliance] with roughly 25 other institutions. Purpose is to develop collaborative programs spanning multiple institutions. Just completed lawyer phase and preparing for Provost signature.
- Graff (HSC): Course Management Advisory group - members went to Educause pursuing transition information from other institutions. Committee is preparing to set up focus groups to elicit faculty feedback on needs, desires as well as faculty exploration of possible systems.
- Graff: TIAC - preparing recommendations related to mobile computing and course management systems as well as a visual roster proposal. Also working on a technology adoption process model for UF to use.
- Graff: College of Medicine is looking at lecture capture as tool for exam reviews. Exploring MediaSite and Echo360 technologies. Also working on research project with Education, Dentistry and PHHP faculty focused on how to assist faculty drawing out critical thinking skills from students.
- McCallister (AT): Also looking into lecture capture for on-campus classrooms. Looking at Echo360, Camtasia, etc.
- Edwards (HSC): HSC libraries working on collaborations stations. Designed to enable groups to work together. Virtual dissection (“naked dead guy”) software available. Emphasis on flexible learning spaces.
- Kellenberger (Pharm): Continued growth in CE programs (9 new programs over last year). Primarily using narrated PowerPoint but looking for new tools usable by non-tech-savvy instructors. Also looking for Mac software.

- McEnery (Audiology): Re-working website to focus on consolidating student services.
- Blades (Pharmacy): Is anyone using Wiggio (group collaboration software)?

Other issues:

Q: Was any decision been made about using Gmail or Exchange for students? A: The issue has been tabled due to IT reorg.

Next Meeting: 11 December 2008

- Tentative time: 10:00 – 11:30
- Send agenda requests to Marie Willey (willey@ufl.edu)

Adjournment: 11:07

- Minutes and presentations online at <http://www.at.ufl.edu/dlc/>