

Minutes of Meeting April 6th, 2012Approved June 11th, 2012

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Committee Attendees: Bawn, Domingo, Grisham, Hardinger, Kianmahd, Lew, Loehner, Lynch, Mamer (Chair), Reiff, Rugg, Snyder, Wendrich. Guests: Rose Rocchio (OIT)

1. Notes from 1/26/12 were approved without changes.
2. Update on UCLA's Mobile Web Framework and demonstration of the Online Polling Tool based upon this framework by Rose Rocchio

In 2009 UCLA began working on its mobile presence. From this effort came the Mobile Web Framework (MWF) which is a web strategy rather than a platform specific approach to mobile applications. Factors in favor of this approach included that it would be device agnostic, employ graceful degradation of content, be technology platform independent, distributed and scalable and standards compliant. The MWF has been well received and other campuses are adopting it and contributing to it (UCSD, UCSF, Cal). The project has recently created an iPhone app 'wrapper' that is being submitted to Apple this week. Earlier this year they sponsored a student contest to create an application of student interest using the MWF. Until now most of the applications developed while useful have had limited instructional value. This changed when in Spring they began piloting their Online Polling Tool (OPT). The current incarnation of the tool allows for faculty and staff, after authenticating with their UCLA Login, to create anonymous polls and see the results of the poll immediately. The creation and answering of the polls can all be done from any device with a browser and internet access.

Committee members gave feedback regarding several areas that it would be helpful to clarify prior to the tool moving out of pilot.

- Creation of a best practices list for the pollsters to make them aware of IRB protocols if data from the polls is to be used in published research or for reporting back to some granting agency. It was suggested that this could be done at the point when pollsters are allowed to download data. It was noted that as survey tools become more readily available privately funded or unfunded research could unknowingly violate human subject research protocols.
- A notice to pollsters and poll takers regarding anonymity and dealing with student distrust of assurances of anonymity.
- It was noted that many lecture halls still have no wi-fi signal or cellular signal.

3. Review of the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Instructional Technology

The report was distributed to the committee. Comments should be directed to John Mamer.

4. Update and discussion regarding the current status of the UC Online Education (UCOE) program

UCOE wishes to enroll non-matriculated students but they are also targeting classes that are traditionally impacted. Local departments have stated they don't want to leave matriculated students on a waiting list in order to enroll a non-matriculated student. UCOE on the other hand needs to enroll fairly indiscriminately for their business plan to succeed. It is still not clear how this issue can be resolved. Related to the impacted courses, another problem is that non-matriculated students' demand is typically for complete programs or certification whereas currently UCOE has developed courses without considering how they might fit together into a program.

The committee felt that issues that have previously come up with UCDC and EAP need to be articulated for this forum as well. Guidelines need to be established so faculty feel comfortable innovating in the area of online content. There needs to be clarity around questions like who owns the content, who can use the content to offer a course and how course load is calculated.

During the discussion it was noted that there is an upcoming evaluation of the OIPP program on the 17th and that the committee's questions and desire for clarity on particular topics could be brought to that discussion. The committee agreed to begin this discussion via the email list with the goal of forwarding something to the OIPP evaluation committee members prior to their meeting on the 17th.