

Central Committee on Educational Technology
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, April 21

I. Call to order

Susan DeMaio called to order the meeting of the Central Committee on Educational Technology at 1:39 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21 in HUM 207.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Susan DeMaio, Orkunt Dalgic, Rebecca Adae, Lura Speth, Colleen Longen, Dan Werner, and Rachel Rigolino

III. Approval of minutes from February 24th meeting

As we did not have an official copy of the last meeting, Susan DeMaio and other members of the committee who had been present on February 24 reconstructed the minutes. The following were the main items and topics discussed:

- 1) Linda Smith was asked to provide demonstrations of the Blackboard, Angel, and Moodle course management systems (CMS) so that the committee might better understand the features of each product.
- 2) Jon Lewit recommended that the CCET members concentrate on evaluating the features that the faculty need/want in a CMS rather than worrying about price and/or hardware issues.
- 3) The time frame the CCET is operating under for a CMS recommendation to the entire faculty is fall 2009. This is when we need to arrive at a decision about which CMS we will endorse.
- 4) A motion was passed to discontinue developing an educational technology survey

No action was taken on the reconstructed minutes.

IV. Topics Discussed

a) **“Deal Breakers” list using Louisiana State University’s list as a starting point**
Colleen would like “Course Reserves” (the ability to manage ERES/course reserve documents) to be added to the list.

b) Videos

The CCET members watched both the USC video (supplied by Blackboard) about the changes in Blackboard 9.0 as well as Linda Smith’s own video on the same topic.

c) Differences between Angel and Blackboard 9.0

The consensus of the members seems to be—so far—that Angel is much more “elegant” in terms of its overall design than Blackboard.

The fact that Angel is less expensive is also a selling point.

However, there are concerns that faculty will balk at moving from our current Blackboard version to 9.0 and then (again) making a move to Angel.

V. Adjournment

Susan DeMaio adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m. Our next meeting will be a Moodle demonstration in the Teaching and Learning Center on April 28.

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Rigolino