

WOC Meeting Minutes

10/18/06

Present: Robert Brown, Miriam Barkley, John Eatman, Jason Fleck for Ellen Robbins, Gregory Greive, Susan Hensley, Bruce Michaels, Scott Millman for Mike Byers, Richard Stewart, Todd Sutton

Late Arrival: Helen Hebert

Absent:

Recorder: Sherri MacCheyne

Minutes – Corrections

No corrections

Web Sites

There was some discussion about university authored websites. There needs to be a development of a best practices policy.

Action: A subcommittee with representatives from Web3 will work on this.

Web 3 Update

- Campaign website
We launched the revamp of the campaign site. Three ways to access it are: www.uncg.edu – 1) click the Banner, 2)click Campus Links; 3)donate.uncg.edu. There is now online giving.
- Campus Links
We need to figure out a way to communicate to the UWDG the updates of campus links.
- Calendar
There is no date set for the next committee meeting.
- Membership
Web3 was asked to firm up the criteria for membership of web3. Web3 is working on it.

Blackboard follow-up

The Blackboard presentation was fine. There are a few things in retrospect we should have asked but overall it was good. We need to have a clear concept of what it is. Is it going to be a front end or will various things be built using Blackboard Modules? There may be some staffing issues we need to know about.

How far will it go as an application server as opposed or in conjunction with the “portal.”

We are seeing the email being relayed through Blackboard slowly. However, it could be an smtp server issue and not a blackboard issue.

We would be on the leading edge of Blackboard users. Bb has offered to come in and consult with us.

There are some costs – it would no longer be just for academia, it would be shared by academic and administrative departments.

There is some concern about the load, however, the application servers can be load balanced and are very scalable. It would be good to have Genie within Blackboard. The transaction system would also change things.

Most academic areas use the same thing.

Do we need a subcommittee? Yes. The subcommittee needs to

- Define stakeholders
- Define needs
- Define wants
- Who would maintain it?

Enrollment services is looking for a portal for the applications – reminders and content “pushed.”

The cost of portals is either in labor hours or cost of system.

It was agreed that WOC has its best chance with Blackboard because it is something we have a vested interest in.

ITS, TLC, Bb reps and others need to speak to different needs of the campus – both technical and strategic.

Action: Each WOC member needs to think about who they should have represent their area in the subcommittee.

Other Items

John Eatman is still very interested in purchasing website quality assurance and accessibility software. The cost is about \$30k.

The next meeting is November 15, 2006 in EUC - Willow starting at 3:30pm.

Topics to discuss: Link for international programs