

Education and Technology Committee

Minutes for November 5, 2015

Co-chair Steve Bounds called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The meeting was held in the College of Business Room 105b.

Committee members in attendance:

Steve Bounds, Hai Jiang, Yeonsang Hwang, Jollean Sinclair, and Henry Torres.

Committee members not in attendance:

Gina Hogue, Julie Grady, Edna Holt, Javon Long, Ethan Barnes

Minutes of October meeting approved

Steve Bounds moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2015; Yeonsang Hwang seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Old Business

Blackboard

Henry Torres presented a preliminary Blackboard (Bb) LMS Assessment (DRAFT document) that provides a brief description of the history and usage of the Bb LMS on the AState campus. The committee noted that Bb is used for training faculty and students in addition to content delivery and class management in traditional, Web, and Web-assist courses.

The committee discussed the purpose and rationale for the proposed Bb assessment in terms of pedagogical, technology management, organizational administration, and cost perspectives; and the need for a clear, comprehensive “statement of purpose” as the committee moves forward with a campus-wide assessment project.

The proposed assessment project was discussed in terms of utilizing best practices as demonstrated in similar assessment projects conducted by peer universities, and the need to involve faculty, students, and trainers/course builders in the design and implementation of the assessment project. The committee proposes establishing a comprehensive and transparent campus-wide assessment process to consider potential alternative LMS solutions.

Given the limited analytics capabilities of Bb to provide comprehensive usage statistics, the committee discussed the development of a faculty self-report survey and decided that project initiation should begin with a brief email survey to identify and invite faculty who may be interested to participate in an open campus discussion on improvements and/or alternatives to the Bb LMS. Additionally, the committee decided that co-chair Steve

Bounds will attend Faculty Senate on Friday, November 20, 2015, to announce the LMS assessment project to the faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next Meeting Scheduled

Thursday, December 3, 3:00 pm