



MINUTES
eLearning Advisory Committee
October 8, 2010
10:00 AM -- 12:00 PM
NS 129, Lake Worth

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ITEM 1. Bb 9.1 Presentation (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

Discussion: Doug Myrback (Bb Sales Rep) and Billy Dorsey (Bb Solutions Engineer) gave a presentation of the latest Blackboard product describing the new features of V9.1 and the additional options that are available to meet the needs of the institution.

Data Source: Demonstration of Bb9.1 Product

Action: Bb will be advised on committee's decision.

ITEM 2. LMS Upgrade (11:00 - 11:15)

Discussion: Contract expiration, end of support, alternative choices.

With the end of support for Bb CE8 on January 2013 and the demonstration of Bb 9.1 --- a recommendation was needed as to whether to stay with Bb and move to V9.1, or seek out other options. Staff presented an overview of the stakeholder roles, along with a transitional timeline for moving from CE8 to Bb9.1. The committee recommended to move forward with Bb 9.1. Effective term to go LIVE for Bb9.1 would be Summer 2012 (allowing one year for transition-Courses will be copied to Bb 9.1 beginning July 1, 2011).

Data Source: Handouts: IntroMarketing for Stakeholders; eLearning Calendar for Transition

Action: Bb Reps will do a product demo for the eLearning faculty community and the recommendation will be presented to the eLearning faculty for their vote. (Tentative Date for Bb9.1 demo will be Jan 3, 2011, 10:30am-12noon on Lake Worth campus)

ITEM 3. Course Certification (11:15 - 11:50)

Discussion: SACS and online instruction, latest course certification standings, certification timeline, motivational techniques (monthly achievement 'race,' Boca Campus faculty certification presentation, Academic Development Day certification presentation), home page design.

A status report on course certification was given to the committee. Ideas were discussed on how to increase the participation among the faculty to get courses certified. There was a discussion of some of the roadblocks/ misconceptions on the campuses concerning the certification process, and how committee members can help alleviate these concerns. A discussion to encourage certification on each campus was also discussed with possible incentives that would go to the campus PTLCs. It was also stated that having all courses certified will help with the transition to Bb9.1.

Data Source: Handout: eLearning Certification status

Action: Monthly status reports on campus certification progress will be sent to each campus. Incentive possibilities will be reviewed and implemented.

ITEM 4. Student Access (11:50 AM - 12:00 PM)

Discussion: Members of the eLearning Advisory Committee were asked by some faculty to review the current student access policy for Blackboard sections. The current policy was implemented by Dr. Celeste Beck over 10 years ago and states that online courses are made available to students 3 days before the class start and 30 days after the class ends.

Some of the committee members recalled that the rationale for implementing the early student access was the large volume of new users and their subsequent technical issues. The 3 day window was provided to students so they could seek assistance prior to the beginning of class and not during class. Today, however, many of our students have greater technical skills, are very familiar with the Bb product, and the Bb server is very stable.

eLearning Advisory Committee recommendation

- BEGIN student access on the first day of the session within each term. Student access ends 30 days after the end of the class date to allow for students to complete any "I" during this period.
 - Students have 30 days after the term, except in summer when students have 30 days into fall term to complete an I grade. Faculty will continue to be able to "deny access" as needed.
 - Faculty would request assistance from Anne Guiler with extension of date needed for continued student access.

The eLearning Committee has requested the above recommendation be sent to all Bb faculty for their vote.

Data Source: None

Action: Vote will be sent to WebCT/Bb users.

Submitted by:

Anne Guiler