

Advisory Committee for Information Technology

Meeting Notes

MEETING DATE: 12/19/12

TIME: 1:30-3:00PM

LOCATION: 61 KERR HALL

ATTENDEES

V. Steel (co-chair), M. Doyle (co-chair), M. Kerschen, B. Duisenberg, M. McCue, A. Hesse, J. Phillips, J. Roeth, D. Sonnenberg, M. Edmonds, D. Hartline, A. Sahni, D. Lewis, M. Whittingham, G. Gaither, L. Swan (staff)

GUESTS

Tracy Larrabee

Update on Web Site Scans [J. Phillips]

Jim reported on the 2012 EALT accessibility scan results (attached). The Accessibility Management Platform (AMP) diagnostic tool identifies problems such as missing all-tags, inaccessible PDF's, etc. 25% of issues can be easily fixed (tool guides the user on how to fix). 75% involves manual fixes using Cascading Style Sheets (CSS), which can dictate look and feel.

The annual review list will continue to grow. At this point, the focus is on sites that most impact students, i.e. Library, Baytree Bookstore. Report looks at differences from year to year and user responsiveness. There is training on how to use AMP, as well as a Google group for user questions and discussion.

Online Instruction Discussion [T. Larrabee]

Tracy Larrabee presented on her use of technology in the classroom. Her experience has been that there is the same face time and interaction as in-class education, and technology only enriches the learning experience. In addition, students expect to be taught via technology.

Tools that Tracy uses are:

- Adobe Connect – for answering questions (interaction with remote students)
- Powerpoint, which can be drawn or traced over during discussion
- Ubiquitous presenter (free from UCSD)
- Whiteboard lectures (blank slate)

Problems that she has run into:

- Recording is not good quality
- eCommons – doesn't retain files
- Upload/storage size limitations
- Remote student participation is problematic (i.e. Google hangouts)
- Trouble getting students access to eCommons

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Next meeting: Wednesday, January 16 2-3:30PM 212 Kerr Hall