Technology Steering Committee  
January 12, 2009

Members Present: Alan Bearman, Bob Boncella, Tom Ellis, Wanda Hill, Don Kellogg, Donna LaLonde, Juli Mazachek, Denise Ottinger, Gary Schmidt, Nancy Tate for (Robin Bowen)

Guests Present: Tim Peterson, Brenda White, Stuart Murphy

Handouts:
- Current Projects list
- LMS Search: Technical Review Summary
- Online Learning Management system Evaluation
- Revised Cost Breakdown for Angel Learning System

Around The Campus in 60 Seconds
- Donna LaLonde gave an update on the KATS data migration. SunGard consultants will be used to do the initial data conversion.
- Conversion will be done in two phases, with the demographic data first so we are prepared for April 2009 enrollment. The second phase will be for the academic history.
- We are making progress and on schedule.

Website Redesign Timeline & Implementation
- Brenda White said they met with Frye Allen on Friday, January 9th and conversion is on time.
- David Monical mentioned to Brenda of software rollout this week to include: this committee, Board of Regents and a few students for responses of software rollout.
- Julie Mazachek suggested using Washburn Endowment Association’s phonathon students to help with rollout; along with volunteers. Bob Boncella suggested getting the opinions of a few potential WU students and some students at other institutions.

LMS Selection Update
- Tim Peterson reviewed the process for the LMS selection:
  ✔ Subcommittee began review and evaluation in August 2008 and narrowed down to four products – Blackboard, Moodle, eCollege, and Angel.
  ✔ After subcommittee reviewed products it was then forwarded to technical review team in December 2008 and narrowed selection to Moodle and Angel.
  ✔ The evaluation included systems and networking, security, integration, migration and administration.
  ✔ Ultimately it came down to time vs. cost. Our WebCT License expires in October. Moodle would need to be hosted off-campus and we would need to rely on others to provide a variety of support. There were also some security issues with Moodle.
  ✔ The unanimous recommendation was to go with Angel and to host it locally. There are about 300 courses, so a lot will need to be done in a very short time. The
hardware configuration will need to be done before faculty can begin migration and actual piloting into summer.

- Nancy said the initial plan was to get the system in place, train the trainers and then train the faculty by the end of spring and into summer. Angel suggests three months for migration through implementation to pilot. Staying on WebCT past September would require an extension of the license.
- All faculty were invited to demos but there was very little attendance and input from faculty.
- Faculty should be pleased with the course management efficiency, but it is a different format than we are used to, and it will look very different to the users. Training will be conducted through group training, on-line modules, and one-on-one sessions.
- There will be a “super-user” in each unit to help answer questions. All faculty members will be encouraged to self-assess the program to insure quality in courses. Nine-month faculty will need to be trained as soon as possible. An orientation will need to be done for student users.
- Several suggestions were made about communicating the upcoming changes to faculty. The initial message, outlining the reasons for the change and the process to be followed, will come from VPAA.
- Funds have been set aside for the purchase. Other funds will be available due to the replacement of WebCT.
- We will be installing the 7.3 version of Angel, which should eliminate the security problems found in 7.1.
- Angel was originally developed at Indiana University. Angel has captured a lot of the Blackboard market and has a growing base in Kansas.
- Brenda handed out a revised breakdown of costs for Angel Learning System. First year will be hosted by the vendor at the “Gold” level and Washburn will host the software on-campus in the second and subsequent years. Cost for the next three years will be $216,000.
- An agenda item will be prepared for this month’s Board of Regents meeting asking for approval of the purchase and implementation of the Angel Learning Management System.
- Tim suggested everyone go to www.AngelLearning.com to try out the demo.

Wireless Access Points
- The “Wireless Network Information Sheet” Mike emailed to the committee will be discussed at the next meeting on Monday, February 2nd.
- Bob noted some students have had problems with wireless access in Mabee Library. Alan indicated access on the main level is currently being worked on.