

UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology Collaborative Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Videoconference, 2 pm – 4 pm

Present for TLTC Board Meeting

Board Members

Scott Simkins (NC A&T), Chair
Steve Breiner (ASU)
Garvey Pyke for Valorie McAlpin (UNCC)
Kimberly Stevenson (ECSU)
Chris Weaver (ECU)
Janice Harper (NCCU)
Bob King (NCSA)
Chris Thomas (NCSSM)
Donna Petherbridge (NCSU)
John Myers (UNCA)
Kathy Kyzer (UNC-CH)
Ray Purdom (UNCG)
Cindy Saylor (UNCP)
Anna McFadden (WCU)

Ex Officio

Henry Schaffer (NCSU, Board Member Emeritus)
Frank Prochaska (UNC-TLTC)

TLTC Staff

Faith Dabney (UNC-TLTC)

Absent

John Nworie (FSU)
Leah Kraus (UNCW)
Carolyn Argentati (ULAC)
James Sadler (UNC Division of Academic Affairs)
John Smith (Alliance)
Sallie Ives (Chair of the Technology Committee, Faculty Assembly)
Alvaro Galvis (WSSU)

Welcome & Roll Call

- Scott Simkins, TLTC Board President, called the roll at 2:00 pm.

Minutes from March 4, 2009 meeting

- Minutes from March 4 meeting were approved as is.

Agenda Items

1. TLT Conference – Report from Faith Dabney

- There were 513 completed registrations and 69 incomplete registrations (582)
- Sessions averaged 15 people with a large range (handful to 50+)
- A few bloopers – Elluminate crashed the first day but got fixed quickly; big issue was an over-attended session in Second Life (NC State) – 50+ people on the island at the same time; this session was run again to accommodate the oversubscription
- We had at least one person from Strayer University and one from Phoenix University attend
- 54 evaluations returned at this point, overall comments are positive, though we have learned things on how to make the conference better next time

2. Planned Face-to-face meeting – UNC-GA and TLT board – Friday, May 29

- Meeting date requested, awaiting response from Alan Mabe as to availability
- Scott Simkins asked the board – Would you be willing and able to come to a F2F meeting on May 29 one way or another?
 - Eight campuses indicated that they could be there (but at their own expense)
 - Scott asked the board to remember – the point of this meeting is a planning meeting: to (a) collectively with Alan Mabe, Frank Prochaska, and Jim Sadler (General Administration, GA) try to understand the role of the TLT collaborative in going forward as an advisory group for GA; (b) determine for ourselves how to move forward and what it is going to take (just doing the annual conference takes a LOT of work – how much effort are we willing and able to put into this?)
- Bob King – noted it might be valuable to have an interim plan where we really leverage the technology to collaborate.
- Henry Schaffer – let's not lose the face-to-face piece – there are benefits to face-to-face collaborations.
- Chris Weaver – keeping our group from an information-sharing perspective is important

- Scott Simkins asked us to remember that our original charge was to share the goings on of our own campuses for the collective good of all.
- Frank Prochaska asked the board to send Alan Mabe prior to the May 29 meeting some key questions/examples/concepts for him to consider ahead of time to facilitate a more productive conversation.
- The board expressed hope that Faith Dabney would be able to join us on May 29 to provide wrap up re: the TLT conference.

3. Status of UNC Elluminate Contract

- Scott Simkins asked, "What is the role of this group regarding very pragmatic things such as Elluminate?" – and the board noted that we don't really have an answer for that yet.
- Frank Prochaska noted that the Collaborative Services workgroup has done an RFP for state government agencies for synchronous tools. Vendors submitted responses and a recommendation has been made to the purchasing office, but the recommendation is unknown publicly at this time. Frank noted that UNC schools are not bound by this choice, but if this meets the instructional community needs, and if the price is good, then schools could purchase under this award. An ad hoc workgroup from the Collaborative Services committee would examine if this vendor meets the instructional needs of the campuses, or if the campuses want to do something else.
- Details on who would manage the pooled UNC Elluminate seats have not yet been worked out.
- Some campuses are continuing to do negotiations on their own with Elluminate for their own campus licenses.

New Business

- Chris Weaver indicated that she was looking at the TLT bylaws listed on the TLTC website (an older version). Chris has sent these out (she found the vision statements and information in these bylaws very useful) and has asked us to review and consider for the future. Scott will send out the 2006 TLT bylaws for the board's review. Questions that we should ask and answer collectively include: How have the campus needs changed from 10 years ago, when the bylaws were first written? What kinds of things can we do better, together? What more can we accomplish collaboratively?
- Faith was acknowledged and thanked for her work on the conference and on other things.
- Next Board meeting – Tuesday, May 19, 10am -12 pm, Elluminate_(Cancelled due to May 29 face-to-face/Elluminate meeting)

Meeting Adjourned at 3:25pm