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Members Present: A. Nambiar, J. Beynon, R. Amarasinghe, , A. Espana-Najera, J. Michael (Technology Services – ex-officio), D. Dutra, B. Auernheimer, O. Benavides, M. Bach

Members Absent: P. Newell, R. Sanchez (TILT – ex-officio), D. Nef, J. Madrigal (ASI Representative), Kevin Ayotte (Senate Chair), T. Siechert,

Guest:

Meeting called to order at 1.00pm by O. Benavides

1. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda of May 04, 2015
2. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2015
3. Communication and Announcements

O Benavides mentioned that Bb contract expires in 2016. CO has a task force that is looking at possibilities. The task force is discussing the procedure on what to do. The idea is to create an RFP for companies to respond to. There have been suggestions like Canvas. CSU-Long Beach transferred over to Canvas. It was a huge transfer that took place over 2 weeks. The contract included technical support for transferring as well.

- D. Dutra inquired about the duration of the new contract.
  - B. Auernheimer responded that it is usually 3 years.
- J. Beynon inquired about the input process from faculty.
  - O. Benavides responded that one of the suggestions would be to bring one person from each of the LMSs to see the process involved in transferring over.

- B. Auernheimer mentioned that he is putting together a group of faculty/staff to look into LMSs.

5. New Media Consortium – Samantha Becker

- O Benavides introduced the committee and its purpose.
- S. Becker mentioned that NMC Horizon project started out as an internal process 13 years ago. NMC started an internal database about projects. In the spirit of open content, in 2004, the Horizon Report was first made public. The recent European report was translated into all languages in EU.
- S. Becker mentioned that there is a wide range of reports - K-12, Library, Higher Education, etc. Every report is comprised of an expert panel - CIOs, teachers, and folks from Industry. The reports include challenges, trends, etc. There is a wiki created to encourage discussion. There are around 50 topics on the wiki. After a month and half of open discourse on the wiki, the topics are all collected and the panel individually ranks these topics over 2 weeks. The NMC staff begins to put together formally the report based on the topics. The panel picks the topics, and the content is taken from the discussion on the wiki.
- O Benavides inquired about the double-voting process.
  - S Becker mentioned that the panel puts together top 12 in each category - technologies, challenges, and trends. And then the panel vote again to vote in 6 technologies, challenges, and trends
- B Auernheimer mentioned that it is great that the NMC Horizon report is available free. He inquired that if there has been any analysis over the years about the prediction about technologies.
  - S Becker mentioned that there are groups that do the analysis and have found that the report is surprisingly accurate about predictions. Examples like Second Life or MOOCs - some peak early and then fade away. Over-arching claims in the report tend to be very reliable.
- D. Dutra inquired about open access - how is NMC funded?
  - S Becker mentioned NMC is non-profit. It is a community of international experts. There are members from all over the world. Member institutions pay membership fees. Partners pay membership fees. EU funded European report. Universities, government, schools etc. fund reports.

- O Benavides inquired about role of China.
  - o S Becker launched technology report about international schools in Asia in 2014. They are going to be developing Horizon report for China.
- S Becker mentioned that now there are 5 million downloads / year. It is getting more and more popular.
- O Benavides inquired what the process would be if any one wanted to become a member of the panel.
  - o S Becker mentioned that on the website, one can nominate oneself into any of the panels that work on numerous reports. Every year, a third of the seats are open to fresh people.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. Chair Elections – postponed to the Fall meeting

Adjourned at 1.30pm for the CIO Open Forum