Minutes
Enabling Technologies Committee

UAB eLearning

Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Magnolia Office Park, Suite 200
2:00 – 3:00 PM

Attendees. Nancy Wingo (chair), Valerie Dubose (proxy for Allison Solomon), Elizabeth Fisher, Samira Laouzai, Dan Murphy, Scott Phillips, Garrett Stephens, and David Yother.

Absentees. Curt Carver, Dusty Johnson.

Guest. Jon Corliss. Cynthia Helms attended to take Minutes.

The meeting discussion focused on the following topics:

1. ETC Minutes from December 9, 2015 were reviewed and approved.

2. Jon Corliss attends similar meetings that connect orgs on campus. He should attend the ETC meetings. Post-meeting follow-up. A formal invitation to become a member of the ETC was extended to Jon Corliss and he accepted.

3. USGA Resolution, “Increased Faculty Utilization of Canvas” presented to the ETC by Garrett Stephens. The ETC approved the Resolution with a few minor edits:
   a. Line 12: “early alert” is not available in Canvas.
   b. Line 15: “faculty” should be changed to “instructors.”
   c. Line 15: after the phrase “fully manage” add the words “a course.”

4. Canvas Data Tool. Dr. Curt Carver, Dr. Elizabeth Fisher, Jon Corliss, and Samira Laouzai are meeting with each school/college dean regarding Canvas usage and data files particular to their school/college and departments. One of the objectives for using the data tool is to advise students in a way that is easy for administrators, staff, and faculty to enhance retention. Schools will have access to the Canvas dashboard with the opportunity to mine data.

5. Contract Renewals. ProctorU. Samira provided a handout of current UAB contracts, highlighting those that expire in 2016. The UAB contract with ProctorU ends on 5/31/2016; however, UAB is working on a system-wide agreement with a call scheduled tomorrow (2/11/16). Several matters need resolution with ProctorU: 110 SON students had to wait late at night just to get into their exam due to a proctor being unavailable; multiple requests are made about the same issue rather than the matter being resolved the first time; tech issue calls are transferred to someone in a different time zone. GoToMeeting/GoToTraining. The automatic upload of recorded sessions is not yet available. Samira will follow-up with the vendor and provide an update when available. Kaltura is hidden in Canvas for now due to resolving a few glitches.
6. Canvas Updates. Samira reported that UAB eLearning is working on integrating a common publisher at the system level. She is working with the Banner team and the Citrix support team to monitor the matter of Citrix suspending licenses. Recently, the suspensions have been for employees/students who are no longer at UAB. Currently, the Canvas admins are voting on a new user interface. Heather Thompson is helping with Canvas branding. The goal is to be available on the last day of the spring semester. The suggestion was made to send a teaser that change is on the way.

The next meeting of the Enabling Technologies Committee will be on Wednesday, April 13th at 2:00PM in MOPS 200.