

ISAS Board Meeting Summary

November 27, 2007

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

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Present: Basinski, Judith; Cramer, Sharon; Yves Gachette; Doyle, Rock; Erwin, Don F.; Glogowski, Maryruth; Innus, Voldemar (via conference call); McCarthy, Dennis; J.; Petrie, Mark; O'Quin, Karen; Railey, Kevin; Ramsey, Janet; Rochon, Ron; Zientek, Rita

Don Erwin called the meeting to order. He distributed a summary of the October 30, 2007 ISAS Board Meeting. These summaries will be routinely posted to the CIO Web pages to provide transparency and foster good communication.

<http://www.buffalostate.edu/cio/x547.xml>

Academic and Administrative ISAS

Don also distributed the minutes of the November 7, 2007 ISAS Academic and Administrative Support Boards Joint Meeting. He presented the wishes of that group to remain combined since there is no easy way to separate academic from administrative issues in an age of enterprise computing. The ISAS Board concurred. This support board will also be renamed to avoid confusion between “big” board and “little” board.

Teacher Education Unit Assessment

There was long discussion of the two systems demonstrated on campus during recent weeks: Tk20 and TaskStream. Dean Rochon described the process that his school has used for evaluating these two products. He stated that there has been a considerable investment of human capital in the TaskStream system and he values that investment but that he wants the best system for our campus. The information from other schools that use both TaskStream and Tk20 gathered by Carolynn Krupp was shared. Vice President Innus emphasized that we need to look at the total cost of ownership, not just the price of the software. He also stated that it was not the responsibility of this board to determine how this would be funded. He and the provost in conjunction with VPC will figure out payment strategies. The discussion refocused on getting data into the system, crosswalks, producing reports, and support for faculty and students. It was decided that the issue to address at this time is unit wide assessment for NCATE, not campus-wide assessment. It was noted that whatever system is implemented there will be a need for dedicated staff in the School of Education to work with the software in an ongoing fashion, not just during accreditation years. Sharon Cramer moved to endorse the expansion of TaskStream to address unit wide assessment for NCATE at this time. Yves Gachette seconded the motion. It passed.

Status of Existing Projects was on the agenda but tabled.

Clickers

Karen O'Quin quickly announced that her school would be sponsoring presentations on Clickers next semester in an effort to standardize. The campus has some eInstruction clickers and two Interwrite Classrooms but Interwrite was just purchased by eInstruction. Another competitor, Turning Point, will present a demo. She will work with the support board to make sure all interested are invited.