

# Innovative Learning and Teaching Committee

## Meeting Minutes

10am – 2pm | November 15, 2005  
2455 North Star Rd., Third Floor

**Members present:** Raymond Craig\*, Wayne Hall, Alan Kalish, Dan Madigan, Judy Maxson\*, Leslie Ortquist-Ahrens, Nancy Thibeault\*

**Staff Present:** Cable Green, Sheryl Hansen, George Steele, Andrea Wood

**Regrets:** Marjorie DeWert\*, Carolyn Gard, Patricia Griffith, Deb Smith\*, Jon Tafel, Sajit Zachariah

\* New members

### 1) WELCOME

- a) Introductions and welcome to new members (\*see [Members List provided](#))
- 2) Overview of the Committee's role in the Ohio Learning Network's current strategic plan (\*see [Draft OLN Strategic Plan document provided](#))
- 3) Overview of planned website enhancements based on virtual focus group and end-user feedback. Discussion of cutting edge features and user expectations. "Ask the Expert" feature and "Ideas Now".
- 4) Draft Learning Communities Initiative Regional Centers RFP discussion:
  - a) Taking a statewide initiative and disseminating the model in a strategic, focused, regional capacity. Committee member input:
    - i) More emphasis on the importance of established OLN-funded Learning Communities (LCs) and their role as leaders and mentors for new communities
    - ii) Small grant programs managed by each center must have a technology component – this must be explicit in the RFP. Also must be clear that of LCs with no technology component can participate.
    - iii) The Regional Centers model also takes administrative burden off of Ohio Learning Network and spreads the responsibility statewide
    - iv) OLN cannot guarantee funding beyond the current state funding cycle. However, the intent would be to provide continuing funding for high performing Regional Centers for up to three years.
    - v) Need emphasis on the Regional Centers' role in assessing real impacts on students of those LCs they help nurture. They will commit to helping communicate the value-added of the LC model.
    - vi) Potential volunteers for review of proposals: Thibeault, Maxson, Ortquist-Ahrens
- 5) OLN Updates
  - a) **TeachU Webinar Series** (\*See [tentative webinar schedule provided](#)). The webinars will be captured and archived. Leslie Ortquist Ahrens suggested a webinar on digital storytelling.

- b) **Technopoli** ([www.technopoli.org](http://www.technopoli.org)) Live demonstration of this online calendar of technology-related professional development events. Committee members were encouraged to share potential event provider organizations/ campuses.
- c) **OLN Emerging Technologies (Cable Green)** – test bed is a work in progress. Nancy Thibeault volunteered three hours to help create two sections: online assessments and interactive video training.
- d) **Student film competition** Digital video/audio insights about “my learning”. Purpose: inspire creative use of technology; inform us on what is on students’ minds; ‘education for educators’. Ten Ohio institutions have video programs. We may ask students to respond to a research article on teaching practice. May show clips at the ODCE conference and announce winners there.
- e) **Statewide faculty survey** This is an idea with a long history. The survey would be short and launch a longitudinal study/benchmark on teaching with technology in Ohio. We need to find researchers with this particular research interest. Hopefully we would partner with OBR on this. Ray Craig, Alan Kalish, and Wayne Hall volunteer to help develop this idea further.
- f) **Learning Communities Initiative (LCI) Tool Shed** Data from LCs 2002-2005 and archives for event, data, outcomes; etc. The goal is for the Tool Shed to be an easy-to-access collection of resources for those interested in LCs or in developing an LC initiative on their campus.
- g) **LSoft Online Communities** (\* see [Online Communities Chart provided](#))
- h) **OLN Academic Outreach Committee update (George Steele)** NCAT grant. Collaborative consulting model after price increases from NCAT; Regents Degree – a four-year degree offered via an OBR framework to respond to market share lost to University of Phoenix. Overcoming barriers such as residency requirements. In the “conversation stage” at this point. Continue marketing E 4 ME, which averages 200 students per month. Continued discussion about course modules for workforce development. IT Clearinghouse created to be a single source about IT. Separate catalog dealing specifically with IT. International Computer Driver License (ICDL).
- i) **Emerging Technologies Committee (Cable Green)** Overview of ET activities, NROC/MITE project and FAME modules.
- j) **E-Learning Athenaeum (ELA)** Overview of ELA repository currently holding dozens of learning objects and resources created by OLN-funded learning communities 2002-2005.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

***Future Meetings:***

February 23, April 27 (ODCE Conference March 6-7)