

Senate IT Committee
(draft) Meeting Minutes
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Attendance

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I. D2L update

There are concerns about polling faculty at this point in time when there is already a lot going on other fronts and our current financial situation. One option is to wait until the fall in hopes that things quiet down a little. This may tighten the schedule a little for switching due to the current renewal agreement. On the other side, this would allow faculty to be exposed to the cloud version to see if a more current version of D2L better meets their needs. The consensus in the room is to wait until the fall.

Regarding the transition of D2L to the cloud, D2L did some testing and found a way to smoothly convert course material etc. over to the cloud so that there is no changes felt by faculty as a result of the transition. There will be some downtime to accomplish the transition which is less than a day. With the cloud version being the sole responsibility of D2L, there may better chance of issues being fixed quickly in the future. The integration between pilot and banner will be accomplished via a new product, which supposedly works better than our current solution. CaTS still has to do some testing on this part.

II. Web conferencing

There are different web conferencing tools available, such as collaborate and WebX. CaTS is currently negotiating a deal that saving us money overall but would require us to keep collaborate. We will know more details in the fall (probably earlier). WebX is already available for web conferencing and CaTS will setup training for the system in the near future.

III. CaTS updates

CaTS will be looking into utilization of general computer labs to see if we can get rid of some of them while at the same time still serve the students at the same level. At this point, they are just collecting data to get an idea and any potential decisions will be discussed broadly, including with the Faculty Senate IT committee.

CaTS is still planning on upgrading the WiFi. This will be funded through funds from the State of Ohio.

IV. Adjourn.