SMITH COLLEGE

Committee on Educational Technology (CET)   Spring 2014

Tuesday March 4, 2014, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Stoddard Hall Conference Room (Stoddard Hall 12), Stoddard Hall
Present: Tom Laughner (Co-Chair), Dominique Thiebaut (Co-Chair), Tony Caldanaro, David Gregory, Deborah Haas-Wilson, Joseph O'Rourke, Beth Powell, Hélène Visentin, Mark Umstot, Kevin Shea (Guest)
Absent: Julia Edwards, Elisa Lanzi

1. Learning Catalytics Demonstration

- Kevin Shea, Professor, presented.
- The license for access to the web site is $12 per student per semester or $20 per student per year. This is regardless of how many classes it is used in.
- Students need their own web enabled devices, which they generally provide themselves.
- Students are given a code with which to log in to the web site.
- Only the browser is used. No software is needed.
- The teacher can see who answers questions based on the account numbers of the students.
- It can be used as a tool to gauge the temperature of a class; to see if students understand the content.
- Jpegs and pdfs can be uploaded and pasted.
- It has drawing capability through composite sketches.
- It can be set up as self-paced but all the answers cannot be shown. If it is set up as synchronous all the answers can be shown.
  - Students value the most being able to view all the answers.
  - They do have the ability to view all the questions. Clickable questions disappear.
- In general, three access points will be needed to cover a class with so many students online at once.
- The group discussed whether students will be required to pay a fee for a class that utilizes the web site. Students pay various fees for other classes throughout campus.

2. Phil Peake Proposal

- The proposal is for a 10 Dial Perception Analyser system.
- He has asked for $10,000 from CET funds out of his total request of $19,000.
- "Just in Time" feedback; the software tracks how users react.
- The proposal was approved for $5,000 with the stipulation that the CET is provided with a demonstration.

3. **Ginetta Candelario Proposal**

- She requested an iPad, though her request should go through the Committee on Faculty Compensation and Development (CFCD).
- Yasmin Eisenhauer will meet with her to discuss the need.
- The proposal remains pending.

4. **April 8 Meeting Location**

- The group discussed changing the April 8 meeting time from 3:00 pm to 1:00 pm as one member is currently unavailable to attend at 3:00 pm. As Bass Hall 103 is unavailable at the proposed time, Graham Hall was suggested as an alternative location.