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Media on Demand Committee

Harris Conf Room, EBC

Kevin Taylor, Nancy Lombardo, Paul Burrows, Richard Glaser, Sarah Bosarge, Cory Stokes, Mindy Tueller, Jimmy Micklavic, Dave Adams, Stan Clawson, Duc Phuong, Helen Lacy; Dave Packham and Juan Aldape by phone

Funding: Kevin

No MoD item on ITC Agenda - The budget information went to ITEC for the Dec ITC planning meeting, and it got shut down. They said it needs to be worked into meetings with Steve, Dave Pershing, and the Budget Office. In large part, Kevin feels it's because of the current budget situation. The decision for how much video is going to be captured in the classroom will stay with the users who have to make the budget decisions. Nancy: HSB-related curriculum video is free. Stan: IMS is getting new clients who've never asked for video before. We need to continue to monitor the activity; budget cuts may take place up to 14% (total), and have a good story to tell about how the capture and streaming of video helps with the core mission of the University.

Equella Investigation: Cory Stokes

Emerging at a lot of institutions in the US: a learning object repository. All thru Florida (K-20), Georgia, others. In 65% of higher ed in Australia. Does direct integration with WebCT, Moodle, and Blackboard. Also doing an integration with Wimba. UEN has been piloting it for a few months. At a meeting earlier this week a USU guy and Dave attended; asked Equella to extend the pilot to include the U and USU (they are trying to develop a home-grown system but would rather try Equella). Would help tie all the learning objects across the state and tie into the libraries. The discussions are all with curriculum/TACC-type organizations. It seems like there are two collections: from the online courseware and from the library. Cory is trying to find out if Equella would help us bridge with our libraries and with other institutions. Equella will be doing a Webinar. UEN is going to review their budgets, and perhaps if the three organizations can pool their resources, we could find funding. Doesn't seem like it would be a competitor to Dspace (OEI harvesting), but rather something to integrate. Nancy said BYU had one instance of Dspace, but apparently they just signed with Equella. Very configurable. Fully brandable, customizable, allows online submission by users. UEN envisioned Equella as a master storage repository for metadata, but it is capable of storing objects. Cory will send out the Webinar details. \$39,500 from January to June for the pilot (hosted at UEN) for 500 contributors. UEN has to make a decision by the end of December if UEN wants to continue the pilot.

Infrastructure and Tools: Dave

We have production servers in place – they are approaching end-of-life but still have lots of life left. Working with Health Sciences and Eccles to transition over. Dave will be working with Richard on the

Podcast Producer stuff. Richard will probably do another podcast producer presentation in March at LIFT. Podcast scheduling and transcoding could be made available to campus users. Name changes on systems due to the move to OIT – was in the tacc.utah.edu domain but is now stream.utah.edu. Redirection is in place that will stay in place forever. Internal systems may be running into problems, however, and Dave has meetings scheduled to work with everyone. He wants to hear what future directions are of interest to each organization...Wants to put together a vision statement by the end of January. Tools and services on top of the infrastructure is where we're going to feel the pain.

No landing page at stream.utah.edu . . . currently no self-service tools to advertise. Plan is to have a dedicated service page on the OIT site and be part of their Service Catalog. Stream.utah.edu could/would redirect there. (stream.uen.org and Law's Joe are the same way).

New storage in the Vmware server, new systems being carved out from the Vmware infrastructure will take care of the end-of-life equipment around the end of January.

IMS had a meeting about distance education storage; most things are made available for the term. Depends on the client. They typically keep things up for 2 semesters and then disable it; Richard says the Mlib does the same: set it to expire but never delete it. Dave likes that, as long as the files are encoded in an optimized way.

To protect copyrighted assets, Legal Counsel says the formula of time limitation, course restriction and streaming (not downloading) is enough.