

## **27 March 2003: CMSAG Summary**

In attendance: Joe Burley, Erin Easterling, Randy Graff, John Holmes, Doug Johnson, Kris Kirmse, Terry Morrow, Chris Sessums, Ron Thomas, Marvel Townsend, Mike Wright.

### **I. Opening Comments and Discussion:**

Please review and continue to send comments on the final report draft.

As we await the release of Vista 2.0, committee members are asked to concentrate on reviewing and commenting upon the draft report

### **II. Work Groups.**

**TCO [Chris Sessums].** Chris indicated that he is updating the TCO numbers from Blackboard based on integrating various Building Blocks into the TCO picture. He is also updating numbers from WebCT in response to the WebCT pricing structure that was contingent upon the previous adoption recommendation date. Other than these issues, Chris feels that TCO is moving fairly close to completion.

**HR [Joe Burley].** Given that Professor Zazueta asserted last week that CMS support would be moved under Help Desk, Joe suggested that we should have a follow up conversation with Fran McDonell. Doug will contact Fran and arrange for her to attend a future meeting. One major question to consider: Where will CMS training fit into the new support situation?

### **III. CMS Evaluation.**

*Blackboard and Brownstone:* The committee discussed the Brownstone product and demonstration, which were favorably received. While people were impressed with the product and its capabilities, questions linger, about support implications of integrating third-party software into Blackboard as well as about how thoroughly data and selective release functions pass across the two products.

*Comparison process:* Committee members were asked to review the features/issues comparison list to further refine that list by adding important items that may have been left off and or suggesting removal of items where there is no appreciable difference across CMSs.

*Other issues:* The suggestion was made that we should make inquiries about the library system's examination of content management systems to ensure interoperability.

### **IV. Report Writing**

Yet another reminder that each work group leader should be writing a brief report to present the information and recommendations developed under his or her auspices.

#### *Recommendation and Planning Draft:*

Doug will circulate the most recent edits to the draft of a final report document. Committee members should plan to devote adequate time to read and offer suggestions on how best to develop the final document.

### **VII. Next Meeting:**

Thursday, 03 April 2003. 9:30 AM, Turlington 1012

*The committee agreed to make this Thursday time slot a weekly event; please mark your calendars accordingly.*