

24 April 2003: CMSAG Summary

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

I. Opening Comments and Discussion:

Topics for upcoming meetings:

1 May: Vista 2.0 Demo

8 May: TCO (cont.) and CMS Training Issues

15 May: Strategic issues of CMS Adoption

The committee voted 6-0 (3 abstained) to narrow the CMS selection to Blackboard and WebCT. Discussion of this motion revolved around a desire by some members of the committee to keep ANGEL on the table as a possible solution to the features and functions vs. ease-of-use impasse.

Doug reported that Vista 2.0 is ready for examination and discussed possible schedules for a brief overview of the changes and the beginning of our trial. The committee expressed desire to get into Vista ASAP; so Doug indicated that he would try to schedule the demo for next Thursday's usual meeting time.

II. Work Groups.

TCO [Chris Sessums]. Chris presented the cost proposal from WebCT. The committee began identifying aspects of TCO for which we needed additional information to complete modeling. Also, the committee discussed areas where vendor numbers were expressed in different fashions making effective comparison difficult. The idea was to go back to the vendors with a series of questions that would refine the current numbers into a more readily comparable structure.

Terry Morrow reported to the committee that the issue of CMS selection was discussed at a recent meeting of the Learning Technologies Consortium he had attended. All LTC institutions save one had decided to hold off on moving to enterprise level systems citing costs and a perception that the enterprise CMSs constitute a "mini-ERP." The one institution that had upgraded to an enterprise level system found the experience nearly disastrous. This prompted the committee to request additional information from UF IT administrations; specifically: Could the committee recommend that UF continue with the current practice of supporting both Blackboard and WebCT. Doug pointed out that this recommendation was not aligned with the committee mandate which is to recommend a single CMS product to be centrally supported. He also pointed out that signs are appearing that the main campus may be scaling out of WebCT CE making the status quo unacceptable. He did, however, agree to present the question to Fedro Zazueta.

On that note, the meeting adjourned.

III. Report Writing

Work Group Leaders:

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 has circulated the most recent edits to the draft of a final report document. Please devote adequate time to read and offer suggestions on how best to develop the final document.

IV. Next Meetings [tentative topics]:

Thursday, 1 May 2003. 9:30 AM, Turlington 1012 **[Vista Demo]**

Thursday, 8 May 2003. 9:30 AM, Turlington 1012 **[TCO (continued) & CMS Training]**

Thursday, 15 May 2003. 9:30 AM, Turlington 1012 **[Strategic issues]**