Educational & Research Technologies Committee
Minutes
Microsoft Teams
March 17, 2021

Present: Chris Burns (Faculty Senate), Luben Dimov (RSENR), Hung Do (BSAD), Deb Ellis (CAS),
            Steve Kostell (CALS), Helen Read (CEMS), Lyman Ross (LIB), Regina Toolin (CESS), Tim
            Tourville (CNHS), Bob Wildin (LCOM), Marie Wood (LCOM), John Yin (CAS)

Absent: Lyman Ross (LIB), Vacant (SGA), Vacant (GSS),

Guests: Mike Austin, Wendy Berenback, Holly Buckland Parker, Alex Messinger, Julia Russell, Jen
            Garrett-Ostermiller

Co-Chair Helen Read called the meeting to order at 9:00 am via Microsoft Teams.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of February 2021 were approved as written.

2. **Math Readiness Test.** Helen took the Math Readiness Test over in 2011 and moved it to an online homework based platform called Webassign. They have been able to use this for no charge, and Helen is able to hand pick the questions and they do not need to be multiple choice. The platform was bought out and starting April 15th. UVM will be charged for the service. All incoming first year students are required to take the test. They start in May and continue throughout the summer. There are requests other times of the year also. About 2,700 students take the math readiness test per year. A small committee will be meeting to come up with a solution for the immediate future. For a long term solution they will need to look out to see what is available and potentially pilot it this summer. After they meet they will update the ERTC with any action items they may have that came from the meeting.

3. **Learning Management System RFP, Wendy Berenback.** This project is scheduled to go through the fall of 2023.

   Overview

   This website exists to share information related to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Learning Management Systems (LMS), outlining the process and providing ways that you can share input. This RFP is part of UVM's ongoing responsibility to ensure that our instructional technologies meet the needs of faculty and improve student engagement and learning outcomes.

It's likely that we'll know the RFP outcome in the Spring of 2022. If we adopt a different LMS than Blackboard, the transition to the new LMS will be completed by the Fall semester of 2023.

Inviting Campus Participation

The success of this RFP depends on the involvement of campus stakeholders. This website will be updated regularly with information about when and how to participate in the process. One method is to share comments using **this survey**.
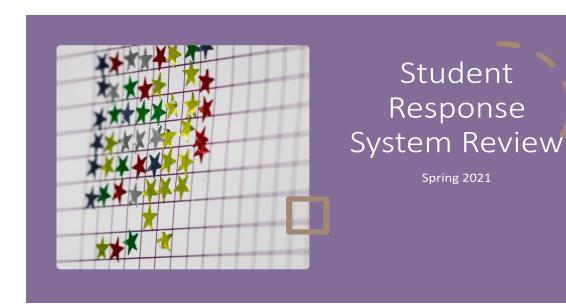
Timeline

Spring 2021	Solicit and analyze feedback Write RFP
Summer 2021	Publish RFP; vendors submit responses
Fall 2021	Evaluate vendor responses Host LMS demos Invite stakeholders to submit feedback Analyze stakeholder feedback Make recommendation to the CIO and Provost
Spring 2022	LMS decision
Summer 2022 – Summer 2023	Transition period (if a different LMS is selected)
Fall 2023	If a different LMS is selected, all courses will be on the new LMS

For more information on the LMS Evaluation at UVM visit https://blog.uvm.edu/lmseval/.

How did technology impact your teaching?

4. **Student Response System, Jen Garrett-Ostermiller & Holly Buckland Parker.**

Student Response System Review

Spring 2021

Review Committee

Holly Buckland-Parker, CTL (co-chair)

Jen Garrett-Ostermiller, CTL (co-chair)

Bree Mathon, CEMS faculty

Julia Russell, ETS

Justin Schimmel, CTL

Sandy Wurthmann, CAS faculty

Process & Timeline

What	When
Vendor Demos	March 2021
Collect Feedback from Vendor Demo Attendees	March 2021
Survey Existing SRS Faculty/Staff Users	April 2021
Review Collected Feedback	April/May 2021
Review Platform Features Comparison	April/May 2021
Make a Recommendation	May 2021

Platforms Under Consideration

Top Hat

TurningPoint

Poll Everywhere

iClicker

[SRS Review Webpage](#)

View vendor demo recordings & complete feedback surveys

ERTC Help

- Attend or watch demos
- Complete demo feedback surveys
- Complete existing user survey
- What else?

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- What is your thinking related to the SRS review committee recommending or not recommending that UVM purchase an institutional license for an SRS?
- Do you have thoughts about the importance of having an option for physical clickers (post-pandemic)?

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For more information on the Student Response System review visit **https://www.uvm.edu/ctl/srs-vendor-demos/.**

5. **New Business / Old Business**.
   a. Please e-mail Helen, Marie or the Faculty Senate Office with any agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

The next meeting of the ERTC will take place on April 14th at 9:00am on Microsoft Teams.