

Joint Distance Education Meeting – Friday, April 13, 2012

Date: April 13, 2012

Location: Gene Bianchi Center-Oakdale

Time: 9:00- Noon

Attendance: MJC, CC and District IT

Agenda Item/Topic	Presenter	Discussion/Presentation	Follow-up/Time Frame
<p>Introductions& review of agenda Tips & Tricks” & “Innovative Practices”</p>	<p>Jim Clarke & Melissa Colón CC and MJC Faculty</p>	<p>Introductions of attendees Faculty from MJC and Columbia College presented “Tips & Tricks” & “Innovative Practices.” 1. Chris Groth from MJC on Googlios e-portfolio sites via Google Docs. Great site to use for student portfolios. 2. Teresa Borden from CC presented using video announcements to welcome students to her online classroom. 3. Jim Toner from CC showed his usage of Wikis for collaborative storytelling and audio mp3s for commenting on student papers. 4. Meryl Soto from CC presented her English 10 class and Turnitin and PeerMark. 5. Sylvia Watterson from CC presented using AVATARS IN her online classroom. 6. Roberta Worth (online student) from CC presented Top 10 Tips for Instructors building online classrooms.</p>	<p>Everyone was invited to be enrolled in the “Quality Matters” Blackboard shell where resources from the presentations are available. Contact Melissa Colon.</p>
<p>Service Pack 8 Blackboard’s Road Map</p>	<p>Jim Clarke & Matt Lord from BB via phone</p>	<p>Service Pack numbers denote either bug fixes or new feature updates. Odd numbers denote bug fixes and even numbers denote new features. SP8 has a new interface with more themes and structures for course templates and layouts. The new look and feel is much like Coursesites, which is Blackboard’s free usage of its LMS. Release date will ideally be after the summer session and before the Fall session. (End Note: Jim was asked by many of the faculty to have this installed before the summer session if possible.) Margo Guzman and Moises Aguilar will have to test the upgrade against the scripts that are running now.</p>	<p>Jim is going to check with Moises about the possibility of upgrading before the summer session starts. A Blackboard ticket has to be set up to schedule the upgrade.</p>
<p>Presenting Canvas-Cloud Based & Open Source LMS.</p>	<p>Mike Smedshammer and Jenny Abbott.</p>	<p>Mike and Jenny asked for sign-ups to really evaluate this new LMS. The current Blackboard contract is up next year and this is a good time to evaluate Blackboard and other LMS systems. At this time there is NO Datatel integration and managed hosted support is not built into Canvas. It is also 40K more than BB 9.1.</p>	<p>Evaluation will most likely take place in the fall.</p>

Life after Jim Clarke	Jim Clarke and group	Discussion about who is taking over Jim Clarke's position. There will be an interim Curriculum Design Specialist hired to support faculty's online development.	Multiple parties will be assuming different roles to handle Jim's duties Our Tech Director, Brian DeMoss will be taking care of many of these projects.
Title 3 Grant information	Melissa Colón	Melissa discusses the loss of Jake Beck and who will be taking up his projects etc. The Title III ends for Columbia College after the 12-13 year.	
Media Share Server	Jim Clarke	Brian Hill will have the Media Share server 2.0 ready before summer that will handle iPad viewing capability, transcription files, and embed code.	
Closing Comments	Jim Clarke and Melissa Colón	Discussion about VoiceThread and the Canvas LMS. The discussion finished with plagiarism and Turnitin cheating. Eva Mo talked about how we may want to work together as a district to collaborate in order to encourage "Citizenship" among our students, a way to address integrity issues.	

Upcoming Events: Upgrade to SP 8

Meeting Minutes by Jana Connell, Multimedia Technician
Next Meeting, TBA