

Meeting Notes from 09/21/05, 1:30pm, Weir Hall Room 107.

**Members Present:** Kathy Gates, Abhilash Putta, Elizabeth Rainey, Penny Rice

**Guests Present:** Chad Ewing, David Floyd (Blackboard), Mark Frazier (Blackboard), Tim Hall, Amelia Rodgers, Kerri Scott, Robby Seitz, Lori Wolf.

**Blackboard Content System:**

Representatives from Blackboard showed their product road map and introduced the Blackboard Content System.

- Similar to a Learning Content Management Systems (LCMS), the Blackboard Content System will enable users to manage and reuse content for the Blackboard Learning System and Blackboard Portal System.
  - The content system will function as a Virtual Hard Drive that can be accessed anywhere and distributed to any Blackboard course. An item posted in several courses would only have to be edited ONCE in the the content system and each course would automatically show the updated item.
- Many institutions are beginning to use ePortfolios as tools for learning assessment and career development. The Blackboard Content System will provide the ability to assemble and present ePortfolios to a variety of audiences.
  - Blackboard provides a Portfolio Wizard to assist in the creation of e-portfolios. The wizard prompts the student for information such as, title, design style, welcome message, menu links, etc.
  - Portfolios can be downloaded as a zipped file (html based) so that students can take their portfolios with them.
- The Learning Objects Catalog, an important function of the Blackboard Content System, provides institutions a simple way to archive and publish learning objects and other scholarly materials. It allows users to search a catalog or browse through categories to find content they may wish to re-use.
- The Blackboard Content System will provide ways to integrate with library systems and processes through mechanisms such as eReserves and standards-based content metadata tagging.

The meeting was dismissed at 2:30pm.