Meeting Notes from 12/13/07, 1:00pm, Weir Hall Room 107

Present: MK Smith, Kathy Gates, James Hendrick, Penny Rice

Blackboard Learning and Content System Demonstration

Brett Perlman and John Dennett from Blackboard, Inc. were present to demo Blackboard's upcoming Self and Peer Assessment Tool and their e-portfolio system.

The Self and Peer Assessment Tool will be released as part of Blackboard 8.0. This tool was originally developed by the University of Dundee as a building block and was later purchased by Blackboard, Inc. This tool seems very similar to the Calibrated Peer Review software under recent discussion on campus. This tool will be free as part of the Learning Management System, so it should be included in any upgrade we do next year. This new Self and Peer Assessment tool is related to the QEP committee's emphasis on writing as a major campus emphasis. More information about the Blackboard 8.0 Learning System is available at http://www.blackboard.com/release8/.

Next they moved on to show the e-portfolios that are part of their Content System, which we do not currently have. In order to purchase the Content System, we would also have to purchase the Community System since it is require to manage user roles within the Content System. Additional information on the Content System is located at http://www.blackboard.com/products/Academic_Suite/Content_System/index.htm.

They also mentioned their Outcomes System which was released in January 2007. More information is available at http://www.blackboard.com/products/Academic_Suite/Outcomes_System.htm.

The meeting was dismissed at 2:00pm.