

Meeting Notes from 4-12-12, 2:30 pm, Weir Hall Room 104

Members Present: Penny Rice, Maurice Eftink, Kelly Wilson, Debra Riley-Huff, Tamar Goulet, Jimmy Ball, Wayne Shaw, Robert Doerksen, Patricia Oswalt

Guests Present: Denis Goulet - Biology, Michael Bordieri - Psychology, Luca Bombelli - Physics, Cecille Labuda - Physics

Clickers

The following instructors piloted new clicker systems during the spring 2012 semester and were invited to today's committee meeting:

Turning Technologies Response Card NXT Pilot Users:

Denis Goulet - Biology
Greg Snyder - Communicative Disorders
Mike Bordieri - Psychology
Cecille Labuda - Physics

iClicker 2 Pilot Users:

Denis Goulet - Biology
Beck Symula - Biology
Kerri Scott - Chemistry
Murrell Godfrey - Chemistry
Luca Bombelli - Physics

Denis Goulet began the meeting by sharing his clicker experience. Denis has used the PRS clickers for years, and this spring semester, he started out using the Turning Technologies Response Card NXT clicker. Mid-way through the semester, he switched to the iClicker 2 system. So he has been able to do a direct comparison of the two proposed clicker brands. Denis listed the strengths and weaknesses that he found in both systems. He also surveyed his students to see which clicker system they liked the best. Overall, he and his students preferred the Turning Technologies (TT) clickers. Mike Bordieri then reported that his pilot of the TT clickers had gone well. He said that the software was easy to use and that he was satisfied with the product. Luca Bombelli, who used the iClicker 2 this semester, said that while he liked the clicker, after hearing the feedback from the instructors who had used the TT clicker, he thought that it would be a better choice for the University because it has more options than the iClicker.

The committee voted to adopt the Turning Technologies Response Card NXT clicker as the new campus standard. The primary reasons for adopting this clicker over the iClicker 2 are as follows:

- Numeric responses directly from clicker via number buttons
- PowerPoint integration for Windows and Mac (coming this summer)

- Convenient receiver size and shape
- Student survey indicated preference for the TT clicker size/shape
- The TT software provides reports in excel format, which is necessary for data mining. The iClicker software only output reports in html format.

Online Marketplace for Course Notes

J. Ball informed the committee about a case on campus where a student sold class notes and instructor's materials (downloaded via Blackboard) to an online marketplace that deals in selling course notes to students. This student also advertised to other students in the class via Blackboard. Ball has written a TechNews article, "[Higher Education Meets eBay: An Online Marketplace for Course Notes](#)", to inform instructors of this issue. He asked the committee review the article and send any feedback or comments to him via email.

The meeting was dismissed at 3:30 pm.