Rules Committee lunch meeting, Dec 6, 2012

Lunch meeting with John Dubach, Heath Hatch, Linda Lowry, Patricia Galvis-Assmus, Dennis Spencer, David Todd, Rick Adrion, Ernie May, Marilyn Billings

Learning Management System: UMass System has Blackboard Learn, campus has Moodle
Small group to study LMS situation: Provost, Dean Fuller, Dean Aelion, J. Sheehan

Most other institutions with Blackboard Vista / WebCT are moving to Desire2Learn.
Many with vendor solutions have Moodle on the side. Moodle has the second largest share of the LMS market in the country.
Faculty need to have a voice in this type of topic.
The first time that UMass evaluated LMS platforms, there was lots of faculty input, but not deans so this led to the second small committee being formed.
Cunningham has said that that if faculty use Moodle (provides the best options for integrating with clickers, with TBL), he isn't opposed to faculty using Moodle with UMass Online.
Which one is already prepared for the future.
The original Joint Task Force on Online Learning did a lot of work studying LMS solutions.
Crux of the problem – when need to make this type of decision, how does one get input.
John Dubach put together an alternative group with good distribution of faculty from across campus plus a representation of deans. Met in April 2012.
Lecture capture – survey of faculty (harken back to R Rogers survey)

Suggestion that Faculty Senate set up a new "Council on Academic Technology"
New councils that Dubach created in Spring 12:
    Academic IT Coordinating Council
    Administrative IT Coordinating Council
    Research IT Coordinating Council
Need faculty to have an understanding of issues and actually teach using these platforms on the academic committee.

Support – need more support for faculty and students

Suggestion that UMass look at Teaching and Learning Technology Roundtable structure

Teachnology Fellows – this program helped to build best practices.

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