

Minutes of R³ Project Steering Group Meeting 8th January 2008

1. Present:

Graham Bulpitt
Betty Collis
Richard Hall
Tim Linsey
Graham Morgan
Lorraine O'Donovan (Clerk)
Ann Ooms
Andreas Panayiotidis
Mary Stuart (Chair)
Marion Webb

Apologies:

No apologies were received.

2. Introductions

3. Minutes of meeting September 2007

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

4. Progress Semester 1

- A. Ooms gave a report on progress so far.
- A. Panayiotidis described the work of the mentors.
- A new E-Assessment developer has been hired to assist with the project.
- Discussion of whether there is a difference in level of participation between faculties
- Issue of individual commitment rather than faculty
- B. Collis asked if participants will each write a synopsis as she would like to hear specific examples
- Other institutions would be interested to read the participants' reflective logs
- A. Ooms requested suggestions of other ways to disseminate the findings of the project
- B. Collis commented that the HEA is keen that its Pathfinder projects feed into larger institutional strategies, vision and intentions.
- M. Stuart reported that the new University strategic plan is going to factor in projects such as this one
- G. Bulpitt asked whether there would be a mechanism to measure any relationship between the student experience of the project and their consequent success on the course.

5. Future Plans Semester 2

- A. Ooms is to present on the project at the Course Directors Conference on 5th January 2008.
- Support will be offered to project participants as in Semester 1.
- A. Ooms is planning to apply for more funding to acquire more pp vote clickers – perhaps eventually one per student.
- M. Webb reported suggested that the project would could be tied in to the KU Teaching Fellows scheme
- M. Stuart commented that mobile phones should be focussed on as all students have them and there is no or limited cost involved.
- Extra payment for mentors discussed. Issues of workload and extra duties
- T. Linsey reported that the project will feed into the new Blended Learning Strategy
- G. Morgan suggested a quick guide of what works well with different sized groups would be a good first step
- B. Collis suggested a good practice guide of quick, easy tips be produced as a result of the project
- G. Bullpitt suggested that the re-vamped Times Higher Education be contacted with a view to dissemination/publication

6. AOB

- B. Collis suggested an agenda item for the next meeting should be how this project feeds into larger institutional goals.
- Further funding may be available from the HEA. The Project team should identify cross-institutional potential. A collaborative partnership would be in a good position to obtain further funding.
- Team to take pp vote clickers to Exeter conference to illustrative to colleagues how effective they can be
- R. Hall asked if it would be possible to lever in more use of mobile phone technology in Semester 2.

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm. The next meeting will be held on May 7, 2008.