

Depot Stakeholders Meeting

October 2, Thursday, 2008, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, CPE Conference Room A, Frankfort, KY

Guests from The Florida Orange Grove Repository:

- Susie Henderson, Associate Executive Director, Florida Distance Learning Consortium
- Elizabeth Johnson, OnCoRe Blueprint Project

Present:

Ross Brown (CRD); Linda Linville, Adina O'Hara, Al Lind, Miko Pattie (CPE); Gene Kleppinger (EKU); Ann Riggs, Gary Buchholz (Education Cabinet); Chela Kaplan (EPSB); Jeffrey Jones (FCPS); Cecelia Tavares (JCPS); Sandy Cook, Linda Pittenger, Sara Porter, James Kolasa, William Wade, Vince DiNoto, Nina Deeley (KCTCS); Lee Muncy, Paula White, Donna Eustace, Kari Welch (KDE); Lesia Lennex, Misty Hanks, Michelle Kunz (Morehead); Steve Noble, Mark Kasselhut (UofL);

1. Welcome - Dr. Richard Crofts, Interim President, CPE

Dr. Crofts welcomed the group. He fully endorses this initiative and considers this as one of the keys to address productivity and quality in higher education.

2. Opening Remarks - Ann Riggs, Allen Lind

Ann reminded the group about the Kentucky Education Network (KEN), the seamless P20 network built in 2006-08, and the KEN applications that impact on teaching and learning. This initiative is a KEN application that enables the delivery of engaging, quality digital content anywhere, anytime. Al pointed out the potential of developing content that transforms teaching & learning and takes it from cottage industry to high tech industry. The funding for 2007-08 came from KDE and CPE. They contributed \$15,000 each to be members of the SREB SCORE and another \$15,000 each to get the Depot sandbox built. The Depot Steering Committee is addressing the funding issue. Al informed the group that former Governor Paul Patton was convinced that eLearning is one of the keys to the 2020 Double the Numbers goal at one of the sessions at the CPE Trusteeship Conference September 29, 2008.

3. Depot Work Team Reports -

▪ Depot Training Team – Misty Hanks, Morehead State University

Misty reported on the progress made by the Team –

- SREB SCORE Training – 30 educators attended the informational session and the content development session in April and May 2008 conducted by SCORE staff.
- Depot Training Outline – The outline was drafted to guide the building of training modules.
- Depot Training Modules – There are 3 modules: Awareness, Searching/Using, and Developing/Contributing Content. These are to be piloted in November.

▪ Depot Steering Committee – Ann Riggs, CIO, Education Cabinet

Ann reported on the progress made by the Team –

- Business Plan – The Plan is drafted to ensure that the strategic planning process is sound and complete in order to address the sustainability of The Depot
- Funding Model – The Model is drafted to ensure financial sustainability of The Depot
- Request for Proposal – The RFP is initiated to expand The Depot system from the sandbox status to a pilot status.

- New Depot Content Team – This new Team is established to define content standards, copyright framework, content selection, and content maintenance.

▪ **Depot Metadata Team – Stephen Noble, University of Louisville**

Steve reported on the progress made by the Team –

- Metadata Schema Review – The Team reviewed and compared the metadata schemas in place – IEEE Learning Object Metadata (LOM), SREB SCORE Metadata Schema, Dublin Core, The Florida Orange Grove, The Georgia SHARE, and The North Carolina LOR.
- Depot’s Required and Optional Data elements – The Team drafted and defined those data elements that facilitate searching & discovery and are easy for content contributors to input. Data elements such as subjects, types of materials, copyright and curriculum standards are included.

▪ **Depot Infrastructure Team – Gary Buchholz, Education Cabinet**

Gary reported on the progress made by the Team –

- Sandbox – The sandbox, built in January 2008, allows work team members to explore functionalities of the software platform and to prepare the platform to accommodate decisions made by other teams.
- Integration with Course Management System (CMS) – In order to make it more convenient to educators, the Team worked on Depot’s interfaces with Blackboard - KY Virtual Schools, KCTCS, Morehead, and NKU. ANGEL interface is under testing.

4. The Florida Orange Grove Repository - Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Johnson

Liz reported on the progress being made at The Orange Grove – 800 users, 1,340 items contributed, 40,000 items available through external repositories, completing Phase 2 of the Blueprint Project, planning for a repository conference. Some of the lessons learned –

- Involve state leadership – early – to create champions
- ♦ Planning and policies are key
- ♦ Adequate and sustainable funding are required
- ♦ Distribute workload to institutions to save money and achieve buy-in.
- ♦ Software has to be simple, easy to use, intuitive
- ♦ Content development is expensive, time-consuming but rewarding for faculty

Susie gave us some trends to consider –

- Textbook Publishing – Textbooks might be the hook for repositories in view of the affordability issue that all states are struggling with.
- Publisher Content – Open Education Resources (OER) initiative is worldwide with funding from Hewlett Foundation such as, Community Open Access Textbooks, National Repository of Online Courses (NROC), MIT’s Open Courseware, Connexions, etc. as well as private publishers such as Flatworldknowledge.com, etc.
- Repositories as Portals – One stop shop for all content that educators want and learners need

5. Next Steps - Miko Pattie

- Current Status – 121 Depot users, 26 items, federated with Florida, Georgia, and MERLOT
- Sandbox to be Expanded to Pilot – Getting The Depot infrastructure ready to accommodate content
- NROC for Statewide Use – This is under discussion with KYVS, KCTCS and NROC as to how best to implement this before December 31, 2008.
- Marketing – Usage data collected from the Pilot Project will be used for funding requests from the state government and private funding sources.