

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes 1/9/2009

Jeff is now taking minutes for the Technology Committee meetings.

Impatica for Powerpoint update – Dennis Griffith

Impatica for Powerpoint is an application that compresses power point presentations for streaming over Blackboard. Powerpoint presentations download and play much faster with this product.

Eric Patton and Julie Basham have both used the product, really like it, and are willing to demonstrate it to any faculty or staff who express an interest.

Second Life Demo – Kristi Hall

Kristi demonstrated Second Life for the committee. Second Life is an online 3D virtual reality environment that can be used for any number of applications. There are online learning possibilities for this product. The demo showed a number of current 3D environments that you can visit with your virtual avatar. The demo can be viewed from the Tech Committee Wimba archives. OLN will give you an account with land that you can use to develop a virtual environment. There is also a basic free account that gives a user limited access to Second Life.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Distance learning Committee – Denise Decker-Flum
Nothing new to report
2. Policy Committee – Jeff Montgomery
AG is still review the email policy
3. Student E-portfolio Committee – Louie Mays
Nothing new to report
4. Technology Planning and Implementation Committee – Dennis Griffith
The technology plan is still pending.

Notes:

Second Life made me think of a short story by EM Forster that predicted much of the social networks that we have today. It is called “The Machine Stops” and here is the link.

<http://emforster.de/hypertext/template.php3?t=tms>

It’s a short read, 12,000 words. If you get it a chance, I found it interesting. Keep in mind this was written in 1909.