

NLCVA Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2016
VT/UVA Richmond Center
1:00-3:00 p.m.



AGENDA

Welcome and Participant Introductions

Lujean Baab (VT), Jon Becker (VCU), Samantha Blevins (RU), Sarah Cheverton (JMU), Art Fridrich (VSU), Kristen Palmer (UVa), John Payne (UVa), Jenny Quarles (VCCS), Teggins Summers (VT), Joy Taylor (GMU)

WHAT'S UP?

A time for each member representative to share news and updates from their institutions.

VA Tech

Lujean Baab, Senior Director, Learning Experience Design (welcome!)

Teggins Summers, Associate Director of ePortfolio Initiatives

Mid-way through migration from Sakai to Canvas; going well. ECHO 360 ends in June 2017; actively determining future direction. Transitioning from conference rooms to WebEx. Big thing is Adaptive Learning (or Machine Assisted Learning); mandate from Provost; seriously looking at collaboration/partnership with Carnegie Mellon; targeting 5 courses.

University of Virginia

Kristen Palmer, Director of Online Learning Programs

Lots of committees: Sakai, Accessibility, Online Learning (what should be centralized vs decentralized services). Provost wants to be the public university. IT Director wants to be the data university. Beginning of Presidential search. Good opportunity for people to get together and collaborate-- more cross-disciplinary work.

John Payne, Senior Director for Strategic Technologies & New Initiatives

New instructional design position; faculty position. Trying to triple design team.

Radford University

Samantha Blevins, ePortfolio Designer

Brand new president; spending lot of time getting to know campus; new Provost soon. Looking into adopting Portfolium as another option. President is interested in engaging with community. Wants signature programs-- things that Radford would be known for. Rebuild the Radford Univ community. A lot of rebuilding. IDEAx is this week on Friday at VT.

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*George Mason University**Joy Taylor, Director of Learning Support Services*

Waiting for contract with Wiley to be finalized around signature programs offered online. Restructuring, especially w design teams. Office of Digital Learning over them now; they will manage the Wiley program and Mason's online initiatives. Effective July 1. Joy's area is considered a partner with ODL. Programs in College of Ed, MBA.

LMS Review: will be holding off due to Wiley initiative. Mason's Student Experience program: engaged consultants working with a design think-tank group: examining student experience as they move through processes (advising, etc.).

*Virginia Community College System**Jenny Quarles, Director of Teaching and Learning*

LMS Needs assessment. Has been on Bb since 2002. OER strategic plan (Richard Sebastian had kicked off a lot of initiatives); sustainability is the challenge. Some colleges will need more funding. OER numbers have been good, but hard to authenticate. Has saved about \$6M in textbook costs. A lot of educational work to be done.

*Virginia State University**Art Fridrich, Director of Distance Education*

New president this year. Brought a new bundle of energy. New provost started August 1. Reinstated a distance learning committee and other committees (one of which is to start their own online learning certification program and Quality Matters). Will kick off OER initiative; nearing a partnership with a vendor. Certificate program launching in January; others that need SCHEV approval. Student academic success: thinking about starting an internal program to build student skills (e.g., how to learn); would be online. Summer reduced-cost online program: over 1K students; success rate is equal to f2f; continues to grow.

*Virginia Commonwealth University**Jon Becker, Director of Online Academic Programs and Learning Innovation*

Going through leadership changes, particularly in Jon's area; now has interim leader. Plenty of work: policy, definitions. Launching a series of new online programs: certificate programs (Care Coordination for medical professionals); Health Behavior Coaching (wellness, physical therapy, personal training); Business school putting MBA program online-- FA17; Educational Leadership program. Masters of Science in Administration will be a new program; Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies. Big faculty development initiative. Considering the next-generation digital learning environment-- will study over the next year.

*James Madison University**Sarah Cheverton, Libraries & Educational Technologies*

The LET organization has been significantly reorganized and the Center for Instructional Technology is being reorganized into Innovative Services; this will be more deeply embedded

within the library structure than the CIT was. Sarah in transition to a new position within JMU; waiting for confirmation. Current Provost retiring Summer 2017; a search has begun. The new Online Learning Coordinator (in office of Vice Provost for University Programs) is developing an Online Learning Council.

Follow-Up Discussion

Are there ways that we can collaborate around some of the current issues and challenges?

- Can use “Hot Topic” meeting format. Art will draft list of topic ideas and will help coordinate.

Review New Website Content

[Annual Report](#), [Programs and Services](#), [Event Sponsorships](#)

Upcoming Institutional Events

- IDEAx -- this Friday (9/23/16)
- CHEP Conference (no longer free)
- JMU TLT Conference 10/24/16
- OLC Webinars
- Open Ed-- November 2-4 in Richmond
- CIDER Feb 15-17
- AAEEBL ePortfolio at VT on Nov 7-17

Other

Norfolk State – Sarah will contact them about renewing membership

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 14, 2016

1:00-3:00pm

Online (Google Hangout)