

07_31_2008 EvalSys Team Meeting (Adobe Connect)

Objective: Provide a communication opportunity for members of the Sakai community who are interested in the Course Evaluation tool

Agenda items:

0. Dinking around with audio, etc. til everyone can hear (5 minutes)

- <http://univofmichigan.acrobat.com/sakai/>

1. Update on previous action items (10 minutes)

- Update on Aaron's conference presentation
 - Aaron not on call; don't see slides on site yet
 - Presentation is available online: rtsp://video.cpm.jussieu.fr/Archive/visio/sakai/st080703_4.rm
- Contrib instance for testing?
 - rSmart has discontinued that hosting service; won't be able to have a shared experience of testing the core software; Sean will check with QC group and the larger Sakai community
- Feedback to SWIFT documentation?
 - Harriet's document - Cambridge's instance is branded SWIFT; has not been posted to confluence site, but is in email
- What's new page (<http://confluence.sakaiproject.org/confluence/x/moB9AQ>)

2. Progress update on development (20 minutes)

- U-M: performance profiling and email generation; functional testing status
 - Some new development on the tool
 - Planning roll out university-wide
 - Ability to present multiple instructors in a single evaluation
 - Consolidated email approach - changed some of the logic in the core tool to handle email the way U-M would like
 - Functional testing starting this week; in general things are going okay
 - Still dealing with issues of exchanging data between PeopleSoft and Sakai
 - Decision to participate will be put on the departments; some departments will mandate that all faculty will be evaluated
 - Multiple evaluation windows - Pharmacy School evaluates classes every week (bad news is it is coming up in a few weeks, good news is use is low so they can find bugs before university-wide rollout); Engineering mid-term evaluations; full-campus roll-out at end of semester; Process needs to begin in October timeframe
 - Question about how data is used for faculty review: Depends on department and how they use the data; sensitive issue
 - Michigan's branch is CT-623
- Open issues:
 - MyEvaluations screen performance (see prior meeting notes)
 - Aaron and Rick have looked at Maryland's solution and issue is resolved with Maryland's solution
 - Student login and response submissions
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3. Plans for the Fall (20 minutes)

- U-M: Full campus rollout out
- Maryland: Continued full university-wide deployment adding more colleges with college level items; possibly adding department level items with a few departments

4. Next Steps/Action Items (5 minutes)

- process for handling new requirements (e.g. option to separate responses from responder immediately)?
 - Discussing new requirements on email; if more in depth discussions required, probably should include mock-ups on the confluence site
 - Separating responses from responder came up in email
 - Adding TA role for defining items in the evaluation
 - UI for managing levels of the hierarchy (<http://confluence.sakaiproject.org/confluence/display/EVALSYS/Hierarchy+User+Interface+Design>)
- Understanding all the new system settings and what they do
 - Harriet has recently added some notes on the new settings in the Administrator's Guide
- Regional meeting opportunity (Virginia Tech)?
 - November 11 and 12, 2008
- Next Sakai Evaluation Tool group meeting in October