

10-8-2008 Conference Call

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Agenda Items

1. Teaching with Sakai Innovation Award

[TWSIA09 Planning](#)

1.1 Judge selection

Rationale of having sitting judges

- They don't use Sakai, don't know the LMS
- Logistics of the process to re-explain
- Concern as for the number of judges
- Need for some compensation (pay for the travel)?
- Participating in the process pumps up their resume
- One outside judge + two winners this year? Worries about the winners' background. Might have got help from IDs.
- Must have balance between Instructional Design and Faculty
- International representation? Final judging and/or initial judging

Summary

- 3 judges, 3 year terms
- Have the winners do the preliminary judging
- Sub-committee will continue discussion

1.2 Submission process

Rubric: <http://openedpractices.org/twsia/rubric>

Form: <http://openedpractices.org/node/add/course>

- [SubmissionProcess2008.pdf](#)
- Issues with number of characters. Test the form beforehand. Frustrating to paste in a text that has too many words.
- People spent a lot of time thinking about their course, which adds time to the submission process (which is a good thing - apart of the mission of the Award)
- Screenshots only to level the playing field
- Describe the types of attachments, the number of attachments
- Jira-like process to paste in screenshots
- Offer webinars to get questions answered from potential submitters
- Missing line breaks
- Waste of bits/time for formatting?
- Word template to upload? Hard to enforce word count.
- Screenshots were resized. Use clickable thumbnails instead.
- Add comments to images.
- Mathieu will discuss with Nate and come back next week.
- Have the application use the whole screen.
- Have the form be more TWSIA oriented (verbiage at the top of the page).

1.3 Follow-up on discussions between Josh and IBM

- IBM is supportive, will give an answer by Friday.

2. VA Tech Regional Conference

<http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/confluence/display/MGT/Virginia+Tech+Regional+Conference+2008>

- Nothing new to report this week - John and Eddie will not be in the call this week.
- Early Bird registration ends October 13th
- Presenters should confirm their willingness to present, provide a biography for the program, and request additional A/V equipment via <https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1222008207522>

3. Demonstration Sites, Hosting, OpenEdPractices

Following a lively discussion on the Pedagogy list, we will discuss the possibilities during the conference call.

- Robin has some courses to share. Uses fake students.
- Issues with sharing content (copyright).
- Need some kind of walk through from the instructors.
- Have 3 or 4 demonstration courses bundled in the install files has value.
- Could be hosted.
- Emily from Johns Hopkins: Made a sample course based on three courses for external stakeholders.
- Wants to build a self-paced course to explain how to build a pedagogically sound course in Sakai.
- Josh suggests to put this to the agenda after the new year.* Josh suggests to put this to the agenda after the new year.
- Users list has similar discussions.

4. Follow-up on the Sakai Authoring Summit (Mathieu - If time permits)

<http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/confluence/display/SAKDEV/September+2008+Authoring+Summit>