12-3-2008 Conference Call

Participants: Robin, Kate, Sue, Josh, Mathieu, Maggie, Steve Lonn, Charlie, Salwa

Agenda Items

1. Merge of the User Support Group and the T&L Group
   - Josh: Good deal of common topics between the two groups.
   - Lots of email messages on the lists about that.
   - Robin: She will moderate the next User conference call. Will propose a joint call.
   - Steve: We all want to support our users.
   - Monthly conference call with a user/teaching and learning focus.
   - We would need a structure, a goal for these calls.
   - We need to identify our audiences.
   - Marist: Need to see what faculty members are doing with Sakai.
   - General public: what can be done in Sakai.
   - Case studies (exemplary or not)
   - Parts of a course (tools), not necessarily whole course.
   - Index by tools, disciplines, institutions
   - Steve: Need instructions too.
   - We are the first audience, but we could push the info to faculty members and staff.
   - We could model our cases studies on the one that rSmart did, then let people drill down.
   - Goals of the calls:
     - Promote the use of OpenEdPractices
     - Revise our list of priorities
     - Presentation of a case study in each meeting (Robin will present her stuff first)
   - Date: 11:30 ET (8:30 PT), Tuesday Jan. 13 or Weds Jan. 14.

2. TWSIA
   - Application is now live.
   - We should do a spot check to make sure everything is fine.
   - Will be in tomorrow's Sakai news letter.
   - How many winners? We have enough funding for 2 winners as of now.
   - We need to state what winners will win on the home page of the award.
   - The rubric has to be cleaned up fast. We should hide the content and link to the PDF only for now.
   - Need a link to a reader too.
   - If you apply for someone else, create the profile of the instructor first.
   - We should invite people to be a part of the initial judging.
   - Need a note on the Confluence page.
   - Kate would like to use a Google Doc to gather the scores and comments.
   - The initial judging would be in March. deadline Feb. 2.
   - We need a judge training session (screencast + conference call).
   - Maggie will build a screencast through Adobe Connect.