

Technology Resources Committee
Meeting #4
January 18
2:00 p.m.
Professional Sciences Center (PSC)
Room 341

Members Present: Victoria Guarisco (chair-elect), Paul Johnson, Neil Rigole, Terry Sanders, Nanette Sayles, David Sidor, Stephen Taylor, Susan Phillips, Johnathan Yerby

Members Excused: Angela Bickford, Roger Dixon, Joshua Harrison, Pella Murphy

1. Victoria Guarisco (chair-elect) called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.
2. The committee approved the November 16 minutes by acclamation.
3. The committee approved the agenda for Technology Resources Committee Meeting #4 by acclamation.
4. Neil Rigole updated the committee on the status of the replacement product for VISTA which is scheduled to sunset in 2013. Contracts have been signed and the college is officially moving forward with *Desire to Learn*, anticipating going live in January 2013.
 - a. Discussion is underway regarding the impact of the consolidation of Macon State and Middle Georgia College implementation timelines.
 - b. This implementation could create issues for those faculty using Moodle, as it is likely that the college will adhere to one consistent platform.
 - c. Other issues include creating avenues for accessibility to learning objects in various formats for online learning (Section 508 compliance). At present, a statement on the syllabus regarding this issue suffices, but as the college moves forward, it will become important to inform faculty and staff about the need to preserve and be consistent with the metadata saving documents. Syllabi, assignments, and other documents will need to be accurately formatted and saved, preserving headings, so that the screen readers can provide correct information. For those interested in reading more about Section 508 compliance, contact your TRC representative and ask for the transcript of the December 2011 USG Faculty Development online workshop.
 - d. Support systems will need to be in place to add structure and process to the evolving technology with regard to accessibility issues and online

as to what the database will include and the role faculty and staff will play in developing the database.

6. Victoria Guarisco, Nanette Sayles, and Neil Rigole updated the committee technology training interests of the campus, explaining that the technology survey for faculty was complete with the exception of a few cosmetic changes and should be out by the end of next week. Review of the technology survey for staff is underway.

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