IT 2011-12

Academic Technology Communities

Summary:

Blogging Community

Academic Technology will implement a campus blogging community to facilitate open communication, innovation, and resource sharing among faculty staff and departments. The community will reside under http://blogs.lanecc.edu and will be used for online instruction, peer collaboration, and portfolio testing.

Digital Learning Communities

Academic Technology will explore the idea of a Learning Community for online students. In this scenario, a cadre of students may meet in a hybrid format - both online and face to face - and may be provisioned a virtual meeting space as well as iPads to facilitate the digital student experience.

Description

In the spirit of community, Academic Technology is hoping to institute a Blogging Community and a Digital Learning Community at Lane to facilitate open communication, resource and information sharing, and the cultivation of new ideas for Lane's students, faculty, and staff.

These communities will help all of us at Lane to increase our level of knowledge, understanding of other areas of the college, and ultimately help us all to produce better results in whatever endeavors we are involved in..

Questions and Answers

How is the initiative linked to the Unit Plans most recently submitted?

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This initiative does not necessarily directly tie into any previous unit plans, but does tie to the concepts of consolidation and working together that IT and all other departments at Lane have been striving to achieve for many years. This initiative would be another step toward achieving a tighter knit community at Lane.

Describe the resources needed:

For this year, this initiative would only involve resources that already exist in IT and at Lane - student workers and employees would work together to develop these communities using existing hardware, software and Web 2.0 tools.

What specific measurable program outcomes do you expect to achieve with this initiative? The outcomes should be specific enough to be measurable. Also, outline the method that will be used to determine the results.

Tracking the use of the blogs and other community ouutlets/tools would provide information on how well these resources are received and used.

Department Priority:

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Unit Resources:

Academic Technology staff and student workers will work to develop these communities and will provide support to others as needed.

Funding Request: Carl Perkins

Funding Request: Curriculum Development

Funding Request: Technology Fee