Minutes of Meetings:
October 24, 2002

Present: Bauman, Keller, Klein, Smith

Review of last meeting's minutes.

We watched the following webcast:

Program 4: Teaching, Learning & Assessment with E-Portfolios
Broadcast Date: Thursday, October 24, 2002, 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. ET
Produced in cooperation with the National Learning Infrastructure Initiative (NLII) & the Electronic Portfolio Action Committe.(E-PAC)

Hear Experts Discuss the Teaching & Learning Issues Associated with E-Portfolios—

• Why do we need e-portfolios?
• What are they good for?
• What are the pedagogical benefits?
• What should the content standards be?

Learn about the Challenges of E-Portfolios in Higher Education—

• What are the key challenges in moving from paper transcripts to those that include e-portfolios?
• What are the short and long-term policy implications of e-portfolios (security, privacy & access, long-term legal implications, definition of official record, need for institutional gatekeepers?)
• Are there guidelines for influencing vendors to meet higher education's needs?

Join experts as they consider these technical issues:

• How can existing technologies be used to design effective e-portfolios?
• How can e-portfolios be integrated into existing enterprise systems (student information systems)?

PROGRAM RESOURCES: http://csumb.edu/readynet/resources/index.htm

Those of us who stayed for the e-Portfolio web conference found it quite interesting, in part for the number of schools who are piloting various versions of e-portfolios.

On the technical side, we learned that Windows MediaPlayer optimizes for video, and drops out audio when necessary (or locks up completely).

RealPlayer optimizes for audio, and reduces the video frame rate as needed to keep the audio going. The latter is MUCH better. Once we switched to Realplayer, we could follow what was going on, even though the video only refreshed about once every 2-3 seconds.

The broadcast is archived, along with some background materials at: http://www.ready2net.net/
More information about e-Portfolios is available at: http://minerva.union.edu/kleind/connoll/

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