

## CTL Advisory Group Meeting of 10/25/2011

The Advisory Group and the members of the Center for Teaching and Learning staff met in the Theatre Department Green Room. The meeting began at 10:00 AM and concluded at 11:15 AM.

### Members and Staff Present:

#### Advisory Group

Janet Greene  
Beth Gunderson  
Brian Hoffman  
Mike Reynolds

#### Center Staff

Marcos Montero-Lares  
Ben Phillips  
Greg Steinke  
Christiane Reilly

### Meeting Notes

This meeting was an open discussion forum without a formal agenda.

1. The capital call process was reviewed and the proposals current under development by the Center for Teaching and Learning were briefly discussed. These included: the Kaltura media server project and the Blackboard Outcomes project.
2. A discussion about faculty needs and support issues followed the brief review of the capital projects. The topics were wide ranging and touched on a number of areas. Major areas (representing multiple comments and discussions) are grouped below.
  - A. Faculty need to know what is possible and available. It is difficult to imagine new teaching and learning options without enough information/experience to understand how a tool or practice can alter teaching practices.
  - B. More communication – in depth – with faculty is required. Current communications and emails are not the most effective way to communicate. A survey to faculty would be helpful.
  - C. Mentoring groups for new and tenure track faculty are desirable but the groups need to have a clear focus and concrete outcomes.
  - D. The lack of any faculty “gathering and/or lunch” space has been contributing factor in the “culture of isolation” that seems to be common on campus. Faculty need to be able to congregate informally to talk and share ideas. Food and refreshments at meetings should be possible as food is a useful social lubricant.
  - E. Faculty work load, especially the continuing number of ad hoc and special committees, needs to be considered in any development plan. It seems that the balance of teaching, scholarship and service is out of balance.
  - F.
3. Efforts to find a common meeting time at this meeting proved difficult. The Fine Arts Division Secretary will attempt to contact members to find some common times.