Minutes
6-9-04
UHLILC

Present: Tara Severns, Kevin Roddy, Richard Miles, Melanie Solon, Xin Li, Diane Nahl (recorder)s, Gregg Geary

Follow-up to LOBO workshop and electronic instructional materials.

Tara brought the complete TILT files. Discussed aspects of using TILT, customizing for UH. TILT has useful instructions for adapting and customizing by editing the existing content.

TILT supports login and emailing test results to instructors or librarians.

Discussed advantages and limitations of using flash vs. straight html portions, or design from scratch. Richard suggested using a database that permits using LOBO and TILT content.

Discussed linking to instructional materials from UH libraries web sites from UHLILC site to pool existing electronic information literacy instruction. E.g., Ruth Marie’s, David Flynn’s and Tara Severns’ interactive tutorials: http://www.hawaii.edu/infoliteracy/

Also discussed the necessity to consolidate efforts in developing new online information literacy instruction, e.g. what is David Coleman’s project at Leeward that Richard will be working on and can it be part of what the committee is working on to concentrate our limited efforts into one main product?

Discussed using WebCT or the new MIT open source courseware as the platform, learning curves in using these resources, and the need for consistent technical and instructional support for using courseware for a system project.

Diane mentioned TIS grants at UHM that support application of technology in instruction. This would build on the EIF grant support the committee obtained last term. We would hire a person to work on the technical application while the committee and writing instructors would work on the content and structure.

Citation builder on LOBO http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/lobo2/using/cite/cite1.php

Discussed working on LOBO customization in phases, e.g. first changing the references to Hawaii and UH resources. Richard cautioned that this may be more complex than expected and wondered if UH students could use NCSU resources. They can but not the databases because of licensing agreements.

We need the database structure to save student worksheets, make them printable and all allow emailing to instructors. Perhaps we could piggyback on NCSU to begin with and
let students try it, because anyone can create a login on their system. Find out if there is someone in the system with MySQL and php knowledge to help us set up the database and server.

Gregg spoke to Randy Hensley who suggested we approach Library Council about a grant that would fund a person to develop this resource. There are people in the system with competence that could be hired for this project with grant funds. Ask Randy for more funding details. Wing Leung (HL) and Sunny Walker (at Hilo) may be good technical resources.

Invite David Flynn to the July 21st meeting to discuss his online instructional productions. Request that Thora invite David and put this on the agenda.

Customizing LOBO would be optimal, while only changing icons and references to the other university would be acceptable and we should begin with that step.