

LOCI Minutes, January 14, 2003  
Providence College

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Jim Kinnie, Committee Chair. Due to the inclement weather, there were only nine members in attendance.

Guests were Isabella Hinds, WebCT Sr. Director, Content Alliances, joined by Colleen Malloy, WebCT Account Executive and Joe Barrow, Blackboard Regional Manager.

Both Isabella and Joe made presentations on the benefits of Course Management Software and ways in which librarians can influence both faculty and vendors in the use of CMS to market library services. Some suggestions were:

- ❖ Integrating e-reserves with CMS.
- ❖ Using our (librarians') influence to have database vendors work more closely with CMS vendors.
- ❖ Set up "library services" tab in Blackboard interface.
- ❖ Using Blackboard to train student workers.

Some thoughts about the role and influence of librarians in CMS:

- ❖ We support every constituency on campus, so we should have a stronger involvement with CMS.
- ❖ We are central to academic mission and accreditation.
- ❖ We are a significant buyer center for hardware, software and e-products.
- ❖ We are the organization within the institution charged with the dissemination of information.
- ❖ We provide direct links to e-resources, reserves, e-books, etc., as well as providing virtual reference.

One very important point to be addressed by librarians: if the IT people and CMS vendors are speaking directly to faculty, we need to have a stronger involvement in the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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