Web Team

Meeting Notes
May 17th, 2017
2:00 – 3:00 pm
DLC 4

Present: David Fleet, Eric Houck, Anne-Marie Kuhlemann, Michael Reetz, Dawnie Slabaugh, Chris Wehman
 Absent: Ben Harris, Todd Scott
Recorder: Eric Houck

1) **Review of past meeting notes:** No changes requested.

2) **Website Facelift update:** The Weblinks team will be implementing Phase 1 of the website facelift which includes updating the homepage to the new design using the bootstrap architecture and Phase 2 which includes keeping all the layout of existing pages with new CSS to support the new color scheme. In the new design there will be only 2-column pages so existing 3-column pages will need to be reconfigured. The home page was reviewed by Student Services and feedback from that meeting will be applied to the layout/design. The targeted timing of this facelift launch will be at the end of May. Outstanding issues to be dealt with include integration with Presto Sports at some point in the future, updating colors for the webmailers, and changing all references to Etudes and Navigator. Phase 3 of this project will be to adapt all the pages beneath the first level home page to utilizing the new design and bootstrap architecture, but will take more time over the summer and into the fall.

3) **Staff web space**: Discussion was had around the need to continue to support faculty and staff web spaces. There are fewer and fewer utilizing this at the college. Some active users still include Bill Hirt and Dave Clarke, but their pages are being managed by the Weblinks team. Aging content in some web space areas are likely going to be taken offline at some point with the design facelift and the review of area needs such as the Siskiyou Companion pages.   Related to this discussion a request was may by Alison Varty to add a link from her Biology pages to an external personal page. There are not policies or procedures right now for external linking to personal pages from the Siskiyous.edu main website. It was decided by the group that it would be allowed for now and be revisited in the future as part of the Phase 3 considerations via design changes.

4) **my.siskiyous.edu update:** Chris Wehman has been working to identify a solution for the naming of the mySiskiyous portal link to something more usable before the Weblinks team starts updating all the links and naming on the website. At present the issue involves the fact that we are using an SSL certificate referencing cloud.siskiyous.edu and attempting to use the alias to "my.siskiyous.edu" triggers a mismatch warning that is confusing and intimidating to users. Chris is waiting to get more information from the Ellucian Cloud team about the best way to move forward to make this change in Amazon Web Services (AWS) before he is ready to make this change with their assistance.

5) **Online Payments:** Dawnie would like to see a way to offer online payments through our website for a way to more effectively manage donations to the College Foundation and support fundraising campaigns in a way similar to how the recent Giving Tuesday event allowed for online transactions. It could also be used to help

accept payments for theater events and other avenues of payments online. She would like to target this feature to be added some time in July. Suggestions for consideration included utilizing Paypal or other similar 3rd party add-on functions that could be customized to accept payments but still keep a look-and-feel for Siskiyous. Dawnie will work to provide more details of just what features and functions this type of solution would need to be able to do so at our next meeting in order to adequately scope a solution for this group to consider.

6) **Google Maps:** David Fleet is renewing a process to effectively utilize Google's "Indoor Maps" functionality. COS participated in the original beta several years ago, and Melissa Green asked about updating some of our maps as shown on Google recently. David plans to update the information that is still up from that early beta period and work towards getting a new permission form/contract in place. Other schools have used this function to aid students and the community in finding campus buildings and classrooms easily using Google. New maps are available for the campus as part of a recent facilities review.

Next meeting: *Thursday, June 22nd, 2017 (10-11am)*