

Minutes

Hope College Education Department Technology Team

April 26, 2011

Members Present: *Peter Folkert, Jessa Boles, Jon Malm, Karli Brant, Carl Scholten, Alisha Compagner, Amber Lemme, Shelby Schulz, Brittany Melpolder, Susan Cherup,*

Absent: *Erin Stier*

- **MACUL Conference:** Brittany presented the Technology Toolkit in March at the MACUL conference, and it was a great success! There were many individuals present, engaged, and interested in adopting the idea. They also had a good suggestion that maybe we could contact some of the companies whose products we are promoting to ask for possible donations. Karli and Amber attended the conference as well, and they returned with some good resources and knowledge to share. We discussed adding some of the website resources to our web page to share with others.
- **Goals:** We discussed a variety of goals that we as a Team would like to work on next year:
 - Provide Ed 310/360 classes with presentations of the Toolkit, so it is fresh in their memory when they reach their student teaching semester.
 - Create a list of resources/websites to put on the Tech Team website, specifically content-based resources.
 - Present literacy websites/resources to the Lit 2 classes.
 - Look into iPad and Droid apps that can be integrated into the classroom.
 - Develop social media/technology use policies for student teachers, so it is clear what is expected of them.
 - Instruct students on how to set up an online classroom, using Moodle or other sites, and possibly touch on grading programs.

The Tech Team is serious about providing quality information for our fellow education students, and we hope to be able to accomplish some, if not all, of these goals next year and in the years to come.

- **Taking our work to the press:** The article we will be publishing on the Traveling Technology Toolkit, in the Journal of Special Education Technology Practice, is complete! The final details are being handled and then we will be published authors.
- **Fall plans:** Congratulations again to Karli and Shelby on being named the new co-directors of the Tech Team for next year! Susan will be letting you know the names of the potential new members, so you can email them an invitation to the team. We also mentioned that we would eliminate the tech team email account, since it has not been used as frequently as we would like and the students have each member's contact information. Also, I will remain the secretary for the fall semester :)

- **Farewell Seniors:** To Brittany, Carl, and Peter- We thank you so much for all the wonderful work and leadership you showed as Tech Team members (and Co-directors). The Team would not be the same without all of your amazing contributions. Thanks for helping us to develop into the positive asset to the education department that we have become. Good luck with all of your future endeavors, and please keep in touch. We will miss you!
- **A big thanks to Susan and Glenn:** Thank you so much for opening your home to us and providing us with a wonderful (and delicious!) way to depart for the summer. We appreciate you more than you know :)

This concludes our meeting. Have a great summer everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessa Boles, clerk

Next meeting is scheduled for Fall 2011.