

Active Learning Working Group Meeting Notes

Dec. 11, 2007

Attending

- Susan Avery
- Kirstin Dougan
- Jim Hahn
- Merinda Hensley
- Allison Sutton

Absent

- You-Seong Song

Kirstin shared information from the Instruction and Outreach Retreat held at Duke in August. Included in the toolkit are many examples of active learning exercises. Copies were made for the group and we will all review these and make suggestions regarding their potential for use.

Merinda discussed using the Cephalonian Method in her ESL 500 classes in Spring Semester. She will report back to us on this after it takes place.

The group discussed the Information Literacy game that is being developed at the University of Michigan by a team lead by Karen Markey from the School of Information. Our observations were that it may not be the most engaging to many of our students as it appears to be more like an online board game and the medieval timeframe may not appeal to many students. One suggested use of the game by the Michigan development team was the creation of competitions between participating institutions. Susan will do some follow-up for more information from Karen and we will revisit the possibilities of this.

We discussed the use of clickers in 291 and agreed this would be a relatively easy way to put active learning into practice. Susan will contact Lisa to see what progress has been made on the purchase of clickers for this space. If the use of clicker in 291 is successful we may recommend buying some that can be used in other classrooms used for library instruction.

Susan will create a document that contains a framework for reviewing and sharing responses to various active learning exercises and place this in the User Ed folder in G. We will individually add comments, suggestions, and recommendations along with our initials and date as we update this.

Meetings for Spring Semester 2008 were set for 3 - 4 on the second Monday of the month. ALA Midwinter will conflict with the January meeting; we will look to change this meeting to the third Monday.