

Active Learning Working Group Meeting Notes

Oct. 31, 2007

Attending

- Susan Avery
- Kirstin Dougan
- Jim Hahn
- Merinda Hensley
- You-Seong Song

Absent

- Allison Sutton

Reviewed the charge of the working group.

Discussed individual interests in the use and development of active learning tools. Among the information noted:

- Members of the working group often work with very different groups of students, with some (Yoo-Seong and Merinda) working almost entirely with graduate students, and some (Susan and Jim) working entirely with undergraduates. These students often have very different information needs and this will need to be taken into consideration as we begin our work.
- We are interested in finding better ways to help students learn.
- How can we promote active learning in group settings?
- It is possible to utilize technologies such as I-pod quizzes?
- It is important to keep instructional components students will use individually short.
- The group will begin by reviewing the previously identified learning objects that are linked in the pbwiki page: <http://ilearnuiuc.pbwiki.com/>
- Members of the group will share any websites or articles that focus on aspects of active learning.

Two dates were selected for the next meeting, which will be confirmed following the return of Allison and her availability. The dates are:

- Monday, Dec. 10, 1 - 2
- Tuesday, Dec. 11, 3 - 4