

IMPLEMENTING A BETTER L-CONNECT

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COMPANY PROFILE

- Wentworth Institute of Technology: Division of Technology Services

“The Division of Technology Services is an entity of Wentworth that is there to help students and faculty alike with all different aspects of technology on campus and on over the internet.”

- Project Sponsor
 - Karmen Runquist – Director of Web Services



MAIN DEPARTMENTS

- Enterprise Applications
- Network Applications
- User Applications
- Laptop Services
- Web Services



PROJECT CHARTER

- Business Need
 - Implement
 - Consolidated tabs
 - User friendly interface
 - Single sign-on
- Project Objectives
 - Update the current system for L-connect



PROJECT CHARTER CONTINUED

- Impact Assessment
 - Improved efficiency when navigating the site
- Measures of Success
 - Providing students and faculty with a suite of features that stimulates online collaboration and participation, in and out of the classroom.
- Scope
 - This project addresses the need for an update for Wentworth's L-connect site



PROJECT CHARTER CONT.

- Risks
 - Not finishing on time
 - Miscommunicating with project sponsors
 - Researching technology that is out of the scope of this project
- Time Constraints
 - Completed by next fall



PROJECT SCOPE

- Deliverables:
 - Provide a site that is easy to navigate
 - Provide a visually appealing website
 - New system should be compatible with all of Wentworth operating systems
 - Provide new functionalities and technologies that enhance students capabilities on L-Connect
- Technical Requirements:
 - Website
 - Team



PROJECT SCOPE CONTINUED

- Limits and Exclusions:
 - Must be finished before deadline
 - Should be compatible with all of Wentworth's other operating systems
 - Needs to stay within budget



TECHNOLOGY CURRENTLY IN USE

- Luminus 4
 - No individual customization
 - No mobile version
 - Good email set up
 - Blackboard compatible



FUTURE TECHNOLOGY

- New functionalities and technologies we want to incorporate
 - Mobile version and/or mobile app
 - Single sign-on
 - Message boards
 - Individual customization
 - Message boards



VENDORS & DECISION SCORING MATRIX

- Microsoft Sharepoint – (64)
- CampusEAI – (63)
- Kuali – (58)
- Luminus 5 – (54)
- OpenText – (40)
- Luminus 4 – (23)



CHOSEN VENDOR

Campus EAI

- Established 2003 by 14 universities
- Core Values
 - Quality
 - Integrity
 - Innovation
 - Accountability
 - Collaboration
- Services over 1800 higher education institutions



CAMPUS EAI BACKGROUND

Strategic Partnerships

- Oracle
- Dell
- Google
- Microsoft
- Cisco



KEY ASPECTS OF CAMPUS EAI

- Compatible with current operating system
 - Banner
- Single-Sign On
- myCampus mobile integration
- Web 2.0
- Collaboration
- Innovation for the future



IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Scheduling
 - Process should take about 3 months with a maximum time span of 4 months
- Development
 - Campus EAI is compatible with Banner, so development should not be extensive
- Testing
 - Campus EAI allows testing prior to purchasing
- Training
 - Online training with myCampus
 - Campus EAI also provides a vendor implementation team



QUESTIONS?



CAMPUS EAI FEATURES

Functionality

- Web Content
- Single Sign On
- myCampus mobile
- Collaboration/Groups
- Personal Messaging
- Web 2.0 User Profiles

Technology

- Ellucian Banner integration
- CAS Single-sign on server
- Real time updating
- Secure (Symantec NASDAQ:SYMC recovery system)