

When: Monday February 13 2006
Where: District Office Board Room
Time: 2:00PM to 3:30PM

Agenda Items:

New products and demonstrations
Video Cube
Comic Life
Video iPod
Discussion Topic
Course Management Systems
Updates and progress reports

New product demonstrations at DITC are a must, and this meeting was no exception:

Jim Petromilli presented a real-time demonstration of **Video Cue**, a program for Macintosh which is similar to Live Wire on the PC side. All agreed the software is worth \$49.00 because it is another tool Faculty and Staff can use to create dynamic, enriched content that will engage students and help them learn.

Jim met questions regarding price, QuickTime compatibility, video movie embedding, and compression adjustment and streaming head-on and allayed concerns regarding Video Cue's performance.

A **Video iPod** was passed around meeting attendees and was met with mixed reviews: some were concerned with the small size of the screen, others with the large price tag of \$289.00 and movie costs, still others were concerned with copyright issues regarding their own and others' materials.

Julie Sevastopoulos offered a real-time demonstration of **Comic Life**. The product looked fun, engaging, and, worthy of a closer look, especially by those teaching a foreign language. The software lets the user put real images in a storyboard type template and add comic style callouts, sound and more. Price \$25. At this point in time, it is only for Macintosh users, but PC users should know they can do much the same type of comic book presentation of their materials using Microsoft Words picture frames and callouts in the Drawing toolbar.

Update and Progress Report:

Jasmine Witham reported that the Course Management System Evaluation Committee Members will continue evaluating software in hopes of finding the right web-based program for our faculty to use when developing and managing instructional web sites.

There are subcommittees developing a CMS evaluation rubric (link coming soon) and there are final presentations schedule as follows:

- **Blackboard** February 21, Cañada CTL Classroom 18-319 2:30-4:00 PM.
- **eCollege** March 13, Cañada CTL Classroom 18-319 1:30-4:00 PM.

New business as far as CMS's go Rick Bennett, recommend we try one of the free course delivery systems (Moodle or Nuuvo) to see how it goes before jumping into an expensive system which may not meet our needs.

DITC recommended to Nick Kapp, District Academic Senate President, that the Academic Senate needs to be more involved in the general discussion of online classes and in particular of CMSs being considered for adoption. A general meeting will be scheduled for late April 2006.