

Information Technology Services

Response to ACPAC – Moodle-related Recommendations

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ACPAC approved Moodle-related recommendations from the Online Learning Subcommittee (OLC) during the 09/16/2009 and 10/14/2009 ACPAC meetings. These recommendations can be summarized as follows:

- 1) Moodle should be made available for non-instructional purposes (advising students, student organizations, etc.).
- 2) Moodle should be made available for instruction beyond 'traditional' courses (i.e. those that do not appear in the Banner course schedule)
- 3) Faculty should be permitted to continue the practice of granting individuals without IUP computer accounts access to Moodle on an on-demand basis purposes (advising students, student organizations, etc.).

IT Services will address this response by breaking down the request into two separate categories. The first is non-instructional use related to faculty advising. The second will be "other" non-instructional use.

First, replacing the academic advising capability currently being utilized in WebCT is within the scope of the project as a secondary priority and IT Services will be responsible for implementing an appropriate solution for faculty currently using WebCT for advising. Three specific considerations when determining our course of action are 1.) it appears only about a dozen faculty currently utilize WebCT for this purpose, 2.) IT Services is being required to support Microsoft SharePoint as a collaboration platform and 3.) SharePoint is already the PASSHE standard for collaboration and it is becoming a standard for a variety of IUP collaborations ranging from committee work to search committees.

