

Date: Fri, 05 May 2006 00:38:03 -0400
From: "Feldstein, Michael" <Michael.Feldstein@suny.edu>
Subject: RE: EUNIS Paper - Jim Farmer
To: Jim Farmer <jxf@immagic.com>

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And timely. We are preparing for a final assault on the Castle. A letter will be hand delivered to the Chancellor early next week and we could have a final answer on whether we can proceed by the end of the month (though, SUNY being SUNY, I wouldn't bet too much money on it). This paper will be extremely valuable to us, as it is tangible evidence that SUNY has been influential.

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2. Since we still do not have official sanction for our plans, it would be both more accurate and more politically prudent to describe SUNY has proposing to implement uPortal with an aggregated layout rather than that we are implementing it.

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On a related note, I'm attaching the latest draft of our Center of Excellence proposal. The language has been approved by Sun and Unicon; we are currently working with some SUNY campuses and a few non-SUNY campuses to get official endorsements/offers of participation. Also, not yet in the latest draft is a commitment we just received from JotSpot to offer up free accounts and development support in order to use Jotspot for a rapid prototyping tool (among other things). Would Georgetown's Interoperability Center be interested in participating? We'd love to have you on board.

Kindest,
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I am hoping this begins to move the focus from information technology to educational effectiveness.

Comments appreciated. Delighted to answer any questions, especially about the sources of the data.

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