

## Report to the Partnership Sakai Education Partners Programs

March 17, 2004

### Architecture

Mark Norton has provided you with a report from the February 19-20, 2004 meeting of the Sakai developers. His report includes analysis and background not included in the minutes of the meeting. Some details not relevant to the Partnership were omitted. Based on comments we have received, we expect to continue this form of reporting to you of the meetings SEPP attends.

The first draft of the Tool Portability Profile has been sent to you. We would appreciate comments that you may have. I would suggest you send them to Mark. Clearly indicate if these cannot be attributed to the author or institution. Mark will consolidate the remarks and forward them to the Sakai chief architect. He will send you a copy of the consolidation. This draft of the Tool Portability Profile will be released to the public on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Changes resulting from your comments may be included in the public release.

When the TPP becomes public, there will be a press release to the technical publications about the release and identifying the use of JavaServer Faces.

### Sakai Tools Team

The Sakai Tools Team, headed by Rob Lowden, Indiana University, will complete their requirements list and priorities at the end of March. Soon after a report on their work will be sent to you. Priorities for Sakai version 2 will be a topic of the SEPP Summer Meeting.

In this case we encourage you to discuss this on the forthcoming SEPP list before the Summer Meeting. If you would like to comment without attribution, send your comments directly to Mark. He will prepare a draft consolidation of suggestions and ask for your comment before this critical document becomes final.

### Other Computing Environments

Several of you have indicated you are using another language for principal programming, such as Pearl, and have legacy applications that will need to operate during and after a transition to Sakai-based software. At the Sakai Board Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Merriman said Tool Portability Profiles could be developed for these alternatives and they would still interoperate. This alternative will be discussed with the Chief Architect and his advisors; you will receive information about this soon.

## Summer Conference

Separately Brian Diveley will provide you with conference details. The conference begins Thursday morning, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in Denver and ends Friday afternoon, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. There will be a reception Wednesday evening. Only SEPP partners can attend the meeting. Because of facilities, there will be a limit of two technical staff attending the technical track. Any number of your staff, faculty, students, and consultants can attend. There is no charge for the conference itself.

## Partnerships

If you have colleagues in other institutions that you would like to participate in the Sakai Educational Partners Program, please let me know and I will contact them. Three more universities are expected to join your partnership in the next month.

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