

# Sakai Educational Partnership Program Update

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## **Sakai Software Development**

The Sakai program management and development team is still recovering from the overwhelming amount of input received in Denver from SEPP members. We were listening hard, which has caused us to re-think some of our plans. Clearly the Sakai APIs and other aspects of the core Sakai architecture need additional work, but we also want to solidify the core functionality and complete gap items. These demands to provide framework elements as soon as possible to support the development by the partners will figure into our work and release schedules right away.

## **Tools Team Update**

Three documents were released last week with links that are no longer accessible. These documents have been moved to the SEPP Community site where members can freely access them.

### Sakai 1.0 Feature Set

<http://chefproject.org/access/content/group/sakai-educ/Sakai%20Fall04%20mktg.doc>

### Samigo Feature Set

<http://chefproject.org/access/content/group/sakai-educ/Samigo%20Marketing.doc>

### Sakai Gap Descriptions

[http://chefproject.org/access/content/group/sakai-educ/Gap\\_Prioritization\\_Revised2.ppt](http://chefproject.org/access/content/group/sakai-educ/Gap_Prioritization_Revised2.ppt)

The Sakai Tools and Development Teams are planning to release the Glossary 1.0 and Style guide 1.0 on July 15th.

## **SEPP Discussion Groups**

At the request of the SEPP membership, the SEPP Discussion Groups access methods have been changed. New members will continue to create a logon id and request access from [jkoich@umich.edu](mailto:jkoich@umich.edu). At that point access will be granted to all active workgroups. When you log into the SEPP site you can click on the "Membership" tab on the left. This will display all groups you are a member of. If you wish to be removed from any groups, press 'unjoin'. The "Preferences" tab on the left is also a useful tool that allows you to set your notification preferences. Once inside the "Preferences" tab, click on edit to access the notification choices for Announcements, Email Archive, and Resource priority levels.

If you are interested in leading a discussion topic, please send mail to Mark

Norton at [markjnorton@earthlink.net](mailto:markjnorton@earthlink.net) with a brief description of the topic and areas of concentration.

### **SEPP Requirements Group - Mara Hancock**

The SEPP Requirements group has created a Software Requirements Template to capture new requirements on Sakai 2.0 and 3.0. Please take the time to complete this form and submit your own requirements. The document can be found in the SEPP Requirements worksite in the Resources section under the Functional Requirements Template folder:

<http://chefproject.org/access/content/group/sepp-req/Functional%20Requirements%20Templates/Software%20Requirements%20Specification.doc>

The requirements group needs volunteers willing to put in some time and effort to creating the necessary matchmaking tools, compiling the build list, and performing a gap analysis. Please contact Mara Hancock, or send an email to the requirements group ([sepp-req@chefproject.org](mailto:sepp-req@chefproject.org)) if you are interested.

### **SEPP User Support Group - Jim Martino, Johns Hopkins**

A new group has been formed around user support issues. The group charter reads as follows:

The user support group discussion will be focused on questions of Sakai user documentation, help desk support, knowledge bases, user training, integrated tool help, etc. It will explore methods for information capture, editing, distribution, versioning, and maintenance. Issues surrounding support and training in multiple languages may be included.

Jim Martino of Johns Hopkins University will lead the group. Jim extends an invitation to everyone interested in these topics to engage in the discussion group.

### **Open Source Portfolio Initiative User Conference**

You are encouraged to attend the Open Source Portfolio User Conference on July 16-17th in San Francisco. Participation is limited to 100 attendees with discount conference/hotel rates available until June 17th. Conference program and registration details are at [www.theospi.org/conf](http://www.theospi.org/conf). This conference precedes the Syllabus and Alt-i-Lab Conferences in San Francisco.