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Subject: Report from Oracle Meeting

Friday afternoon, I met with several folks from Oracle for five hours. The meeting was set up by Linda Feng and is a follow up after the Foothill visit. These were the folks at the meeting (same as with Foothill)

Linda Feng: linda.feng@oracle.com
Carroll (Cary) Brown: carroll.brown@oracle.com
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There was another guy there - I did not write his name down - he was pretty new.

The meeting was a lot of fun. They were well prepared. They had read every single document we ever have written and had a sheet of excellent questions that indicated that they had thought pretty deeply about stuff. Most of the meeting was answering their questions.

While they did not share their precise plans with me, it seems as though their first interest is close integration of Sakai with their collaboration suite (calendar, messaging, content management, etc) and their secondary interest is integration with their student information system (is this code word for "PeopleSoft"?). They were looking at a requirements map between their collaboration suite and Sakai - they did not give me a copy - but it looked pretty thorough.

They talked about their commercial Learning Management System - but that seemed pretty far away.

Linda did share that they are making a proposal to their management to do some type of proof of concept in terms of some type of work with Sakai. It seemed like they were very optimistic to that their effort would get funded.

We talked about governance, how they might work with us, contributing code, etc. I told them to let me know if they needed anything at all.

I feel that they were very pleased and very well-informed about the project.

/Chuck

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