

SHIELD project - Sixth steering group meeting

SPS Rm 731

Tuesday 7 Oct 2003 4.00pm.

Present: Bryan Turner, Darin Weinberg, Dawn Leeder

1 RLO progress

DL reported that four RLOs were now complete and ready for student evaluation. These are:

- Social class
- Parsons' sick role
- Doctor/patient relations
- The Black Report and Inequalities in Health

The RLOs were reviewed. BT said that they would complement the course material very well and would readily integrate into the "Medicine, Body and Society" course. Both BT and DW thought the quality of the RLOs was excellent.

It was agreed that the RLOs will be piloted as part of the course: The first lecture is on Tuesday 14 October 2003 at 11.00am (SPS Committee room). There will be 18-20 students, mainly from 3rd year SPS but also a few medics.

DL will present two RLOs at the first lecture. She will introduce the students to the SHIELD website with some background about it, brief them on what they are expected to do, and will provide them with printed hand-outs.

Actions: DL to design hand-out and forward to BT for his additions
BT to book data-projector for 14 Oct at 11.00am

2 Evaluation

The students will be required to evaluate the four RLOs as part of their coursework. They will have the choice of web-based or paper-based evaluations. The evaluation questions are a set piloted by UCEL at a workshop at ALT-C conference in September 2003 (Wharrad & Leeder 2003). The questions establish the student's proficiency with computers as well as the usability of the RLO. Appropriateness of content is also evaluated.

A deadline of 11 November will be set for students to complete their evaluations leaving time for analysis and final report before project delivery and end in December.

Action: DL to provide 20 print-outs of evaluation form and put web-based version online.

3 Final report

To be delivered by December once the evaluation results have been gathered and analysed.

4 Publicity

BT thought some publicity would be a good idea. Cambridge has a newsletter which is both on-line and print-based. BT suggested an article stressing the interdisciplinary nature of the project and the fact that it is trialling high-tech resources with SPS students. DL and DW agreed this would be a good opportunity to publicise the project within the university.

Actions: DL to write a short press release and forward to BT.
BT to append and issue press release to the Cambridge Press Office.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm.