

**INFOhio**  
**Distance Learning & Course Catalog Registration System**  
Focus Group Meeting – December 20, 2022

**Project Plan Review –**

**Product Evaluation Team Members** – *The consensus of those present at the meeting was that the Product Evaluation Team should be determined after a review of the system specifications.*

**Potential Solutions – Any other solutions?** – *There were no additional solutions suggested during the meeting. Please review the list of potential solutions and reply with any other solutions that we should be consider.*

**Systems Requirements** – *There was a discussion about Curriculum and Curriculum Accreditation. This led to a discussion about adding the EMIS code to the course data requirements.*

**Questions and Discussion:** *Those present at the meeting discussed the following questions.*

**Intra-District Funding** – *There was some discussion regarding Intra-District Funding. There was no consensus regarding funding. There was also a discussion regarding funding course through the subsidy formula. The concern is that the funding formula would not allow funding to flow between two school districts in the model that we are considering. This is an item that requires additional research.*

**Questions related to Teachers...**

**Should we publish Teacher information with registration information?**

*The consensus of those present was that Teacher Contact information should not be made public with the registration information.*

**Why do courses need to be synchronous?**

*There was additional discussion regarding offering synchronous courses only. While there was a suggested use case for asynchronous courses, this was a limited use case.*

**Have you looked at...**

**The LACA Sharing Project?**

*I have reviewed the LACA project. The review resulted in clarifying additional data requirements for the solution evaluation.*

**The Straight-A-Grant FAQ?**

*I did a search of ODE's website and discussed this with ESC Staff members that applied for Straight-A-Grants at the time. The FAQ is no longer on the ODE website.*

**The West Holmes Project with Norma Butts?**

*I have reached out to West Holmes regarding this project to see what we may be able to learn about their efforts.*

**Should the solution include an LMS?**

*There was a discussion and debate about including an LMS in this project. The concern expressed was that without a statewide LMS the student would need to manage credentials to multiple systems. The current scope of the project does not include an LMS. Once the Distance Learning & Course Catalog Registration system is operating, we could incorporate LMS functionality into this project.*

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**Why have previous projects not resulted in statewide adoption?**

*In response to this question we heard the following:*

*Money and awareness*

*costs, when courses are available*

*Districts did not know how to incorporate this into schedules*

*Please consider this question and provide some suggestions that would encourage statewide adoption.*

**Next Meeting January 20<sup>th</sup> – February Meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> during OETC**

*As we discussed upcoming meetings, we discussed the February meeting which will occur during the Ohio Educational Technology Conference (OETC). If you plan to attend OETC would you be available to meet in person for the February meeting? If this is not possible, we will look to reschedule this meeting after OETC.*