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WCOnline

Ron announced that WCOnline has been purchased and will be rolled out over the summer for a fall deployment. Coordinators and some SISC members have administrative rights. Jose and Josh in Modern Languages will act as coordinator trouble-shooters. Jason will contact Steve Chen for help linking back end of WCOnline to SMC systems for the import of student user information. Jason will contact Hannah with question about what information to collect on the WCOnline registration form for students; will send her a list of the possibilities so that she can identify key bits of information.

SI and Embedded Tutoring

Wendi clarified the concepts of SI and embedded tutoring; ET is a program that provides classes with student tutors who *may* help students during the regular class meeting and who also offer tutoring outside of regular class meetings. SI, by contrast, provides instructors with a student tutor who attends class only as a student and provides assistance only in sessions scheduled outside of class time, typically with specific, pre-planned review lessons. Instructional Assistants are not embedded tutors or supplemental instruction leaders. Wendi suggests that faculty and administrators need further work to identify the best fit for ET and SI models; for instance, will they be available to basic skills courses only? To high level math and English, STEM? Questions remain, too, about how the BSSOT will support these activities over the next year, and at what scale.

Jason raised the topic of English full-time faculty members holding one office hour per week in the writing center; he will raise the issue at the upcoming English dept. meeting on May 19th and report back to the SISC in June.