

Initial Progress Report- NWACC 07'

Project Title: *Social Media for Teachers*

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Narrative

Social Media for Teachers, a collaboration between the Graduate School's of Education at Portland State University and the University of Oregon has the following goals:

1. Re-program an existing web application and curriculum development archive/database to support the development of a "YouTube" like online community for teachers who wish to create, assess and share their original curriculum.
2. Re-design the authentication process so the database/webtools can accommodate more than one group of institutional users at a time.
3. Make it possible for multiple users to "brand" their data so that a user can look at all the materials in the database as well as only those materials that are contributed by their institution.
4. Additionally, we would like the institutional users to have some latitude about how their "tributary" of the site looks.

So far the partners have developed a project website and met once in person and twice by phone during the summer to organize the work of the grant. At the University of Oregon, Dr. Hager is planning how to incorporate the re-programmed site in her research and courses. At Portland State University, they have hired a student programmer who has begun working with the source code of the web tools we are adapting. In consultation with Mark Wubbold, he has developed a logic map for the project and will soon begin recoding the site. Both partners agree the project is on schedule and on budget.