



**SAN MATEO COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Information Technology Services

Cañada College, Redwood City  
College of San Mateo, San Mateo  
Skyline College, San Bruno

**Course Management System Update – DITC November 14, 2005**

**Course Management System Evaluation Committee Members**

The following list is of volunteer faculty & staff who have shown an interested in distance learning via the Internet and will be assisting in evaluating Course Management Systems.

First Name	Last Name	Campus	Platform	Sakai 10/14	Ecollege 10/14	Blackboard 11/3
Anyta	Archer	Skyline	PC		Completed	
Theresa	Bell	Cañada	PC			Completed
Jesse	Boyett Anderson	Cañada	PC	Completed		Completed
Peter	Bruni	Cañada	Mac	Completed	Completed	Completed
Richard	Castillo	CSM	Mac	Completed		
Amelito	Enriquez	Cañada	PC	Completed		
Sharon	Finn	Cañada	PC	Completed		
Bridget	Fischer	Skyline	Mac			Completed
Betty	Flemming	CSM	PC			Completed
Carolyn	Jung	Cañada	PC	Completed		Completed
Nick	Kapp	Skyline	PC	Completed	Completed	Completed
Ray	Lapuz	Cañada	Both	Completed		
Margery	Meadows	Skyline	PC	Completed		Completed
Madeleine	Murphy	CSM	PC	Completed		
Hui	Pate	Skyline	PC	Completed	Completed	Completed
Félix	Perez	Skyline	Mac	Completed	Completed	Completed
Jim	Petromilli	District	Mac	Completed	Completed	Completed
Jack	Preston	Cañada	Mac	Completed		
Eric	Raznick	Dist Office	PC	Completed	Completed	
Kristi	Ridgway	CSM	Mac	Completed		Completed
Christine	Roumbanis	Skyline	PC	Completed		Completed
Julie	Sevastopoulos	CSM	Mac	Completed	Completed	Completed
Jasmine	Witham	District	PC	Completed	Completed	Completed

## Sakai Demo Accounts

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URL: <http://smcweb1.smccd.net:8080/portal>

Click on the “New Account” button to create an account. Email me ([webmaster@smccd.net](mailto:webmaster@smccd.net)) after the account has been created and I’ll make sure you have faculty (maintain) permissions.

## E-College Demo Accounts

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URL: <http://eteaching.ecollege.com>

Login ID: smcc1  
Password: smcc1

Login ID: smcc7  
Password: smcc7

Login ID: smcc13  
Password: smcc13

Login ID: smcc2  
Password: smcc2

Login ID: smcc8  
Password: smcc8

Login ID: smcc14  
Password: smcc14

Login ID: smcc3  
Password: smcc3

Login ID: smcc9  
Password: smcc9

Login ID: smcc15  
Password: smcc15

Login ID: smcc4  
Password: smcc4

Login ID: smcc10  
Password: smcc10

Login ID: smcc16  
Password: smcc16

Login ID: smcc5  
Password: smcc5

Login ID: smcc11  
Password: smcc11

Login ID: smcc17  
Password: smcc17

Login ID: smcc6  
Password: smcc6

Login ID: smcc12  
Password: smcc12

## Blackboard Demo Accounts

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URL: <http://smccd.blackboard.com/>

Login ID: smcc1  
Password: smcc1  
Course 100

Login ID: smcc4  
Password: smcc4  
Course 400

Login ID: smcc2  
Password: smcc2  
Course 200

Login ID: smcc5  
Password: smcc5  
Course 500

Login ID: smcc3  
Password: smcc3  
Course 300

**Note:** I have the administrator username and password so I can create a test account specifically for you.

## Sakai Evaluation

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We held two separate Sakai sessions, one at Skyline on September 30<sup>th</sup> and a second at Canada on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The latest version of the open-source software was installed on our servers and is running off of a MySQL database. Half way through the second session Sakai came to a crawling halt which prevented a decent evaluation. The CTL followed up with Vivian Sinou, at Foothill DeAnza, on their opinions of the system and how we could fine-tune it for performance.

### Issues with Sakai:

- Performance degradation although potentially fixable if we hired a Sakai consultant to review installation.
- Will require enormous efforts in-house to configure and fine-tune the system to work on an Oracle Database within the Banner/WebSMART environment.
- Due to the nature of open-source the technical support is limited to newsgroups. On the most part you are on-your-own.
- Very basic functionality. Many of the compliance standards are still being added for importing exporting course materials.

*Foothill DeAnza, the leaders in Sakai customization for Community Colleges gave us the following review:*

"Frankly, Sakai is not ready to be compared to products costing hundreds of thousands of dollars per year purely as a product. Sakai 2.1 will get us closer as will every release after that. I think that it will be 2 years before we are "worthy" to be compared head to head with any commercial product. Today Sakai competes more on non-product issues.

We don't want institutions to pick Sakai and "pretend" that it is a 'product' because they become a burden on the community rather than an asset to the community. For now we need partners and organizations that bring talent to help make Sakai get better.

Sakai is not ready for large teaching deployments unless \*if\* an institution brings strong talent and commitment to their deployment. You need Java engineers and database experts to configure and fine-tune the system. It is not a simple application to deploy. Of course - even commercial products can be a bit dicey at the large deployments"

### Status:

Sakai is about two years behind where we hope to be by Spring of 2006.