Technology

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a. Process the Turnitin/iPad/Smartboard survey as committee
  a. Only 28 people have responded, so more input is needed
      a. May need to be re-sent because teachers may accidentally overlook emails sometimes
      b. Nicole will re-send with attention-grabbing subject (e.g. "Response Needed")
      c. Surveys should give more information about number of questions
      d. Survey should ask about respondent's comfort/skill with technology
b. Offer optional group training in SmartBoards and iPad tricks/tips
  a. Need afternoon training to accommodate Christina teachers
  b. Teachers need more training to use interactive tools in Notebook software instead of using SB only as a projector
  c. Perhaps hold "refresher" workshops every few sessions
  d. Perhaps identify or create online training for teachers to use at their own pace
  e. Need more sharing of teacher created SB tools
  f. In the past, Nicole was receiving negative feedback about too-frequent emails
      a. Solution: create a technology mailing list for only interested teachers
      b. Need entry process for new members of mailing list & new members should take tech survey
  g. SmartBoard orientation or list of most important information for new teachers
      a. Could be done as video workshop
c. Respond to individual needs via tech buddies and specialists
  a. Certain tech problems may not be fixable by tech buddies, but still contact building tech buddy and they will outsource it if needed
  b. Tech buddies should be listed on ODM
d. Tech buddies can install Q book software in their buildings as needed
  a. No problems
e. Play English videos on TV in student lounge to promote English ambience
  a. Nicole unsure of the hold-up re: getting cable
  b. Sports channels good idea because students like soccer
  c. Need someone to be in charge of content--Pat volunteers
  d. Suggestion: use Apple TVs that are not being used
f. Make classrooms more iPad friendly by having adapters and audio/video cables
  a. Thinksky (wireless adapter?) may be unreliable
  b. Carolina uses some device and it seems to work well
  c. Possibility: have a library of cables that can be checked out by teachers on an as-needed basis (in 108, 318 & 189 for accessibility)
g. What other goals should the Tech Committee be pursuing?
  a. Have TV with slideshows playing in 189 & 318 like we have in 108
  b. Show movie on ELI lawn or 318 lawn: suggest to A & E
  c. Robots that grade essays
  d. Making a card of iPads available to students

Living Learning Community

A. Most discussion members did not know much about this
    i. Faculty & staff education needed
    ii. It would be useful for teachers to know which students are living in Rittenhouse
       so teachers can better evaluate any changes in students
    iii.Pat clarified & answered questions for the group about the LLC

B. What skills would you like to see developed through this community?
    i. Group members feel integration of ELI students is a very important issue, so
      enhance integration skills (if they are skills, which they aren't)

C. What orientation and training do you think would be important for both the American
   Global Fellows and ELI residents?

D. Side Discussion: How can we teach ELI students about American Culture?
    i. Cluster
    ii. First cycle of cohort
    iii.Need to address gap between teachers' thinking and students' motivation