Lecture Capture Summary Report

A request for lecture capture was made by the SOAS student body to the Academic Development Directorate (ADD).

The SOAS Multimedia team was tasked with evaluating various products for lecture capture and to make a recommendation.

Requirements

- Must integrate with Moodle
- Easy to install
- Ease of use for the user
- Easily transferable
- Storage of data
- Support
- Cost

Evaluation Process

We evaluated the following products by testing them against our requirements:

- Adobe Connect
- Blackboard Collaborate
- Mediasite
- Panopto
- Echo360 – discounted as a previous pilot was not successful

We also visited other Institutions to see which Lecture capture platforms were in use.
Recommendation

After our evaluation, we recommended Panopto for the following reasons:

- Software solution
- Option for Hosted solution as time was crucial
- Ease of use
- Support of product
- The majority of HE Institutions are currently using the software

Start of Pilot

A workflow was agreed (see below).

Multimedia and ADD approached academic staff to trial Panopto; we had a take up of 7-8 staff members. On the 11th March 2013, we started the pilot with 5 licenses. The licences were deployed as needed.

The pilot proved popular in the first year. As we wanted to engage more academic staff, it was decided to increase the licenses to 10. As the pilot grew in success, we purchased a site license and we plan to roll out the software across SOAS.

Work flow

ADD will do training and setting up the Moodle BLOOC for all staff. The Multimedia team will set up the hardware, install the software in classrooms and offices, and provide training on equipment.

Currently we have a few academic staff members on board and we are collaborating with the Bloomsbury Group.
Benefits

Through this pilot we have seen Panopto can be used for:

- Live Streaming
- Live Interactivity
- Extracting content into different Media
- Languages embedded in software

Students can....

- Watch recorded lectures from any location (especially useful for distance-learning, part-time, and international students)
- Review or catch up on lectures missed
- View lectures at their own pace and convenience

Activity at SOAS So Far

By far the most recordings have been for taught courses and delivered via the BLE. Most of the recordings have been from the Law Department. This may be linked to their use of students as E-Learning assistants who have driven the uptake in technology enhanced learning.

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Next Steps

IT staff members have been trained in the use of Panopto and will support staff, students, and classroom setup. We want to encourage more academics to use Panopto for flipped lecture recordings, which can be done in their own offices. Members of the Panopto Working Group have been meeting with people from Birkbeck and LSHTM to coordinate systems in preparation for the move to Senate House where rooms will be shared. This shared expertise has been particularly helpful when considering which microphones to use for Panopto.

Update

With the new Panopto version 4.8, it will no longer be necessary to install the Silver Light plugin to view content. The video stream will be either Flash or HTML5 depending on web browser. This is a major enhancement as now the exporting of content is much easier for the current editing software that we use.

Panopto now supports embedding a folder into any web page via HTML. This new version will no longer support XP or Windows Vista, this will not be an issue at SOAS as all computers have migrated to Windows 7.