Center for Open and Sustainable Learning

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Where’s That?
Outline

this is very informal!

• About the Center
  – Vision, Statistics, Philosophy

• Past Me

• Present COSL
  – eduCommons, USU OCW/UOCWA, OHSU, TWB, OER Recommender & OCW Finder

• Future? Us?
About the Center :: Vision

The Center for Open and Sustainable Learning (COSL,), at Utah State University, is dedicated to increasing access to educational opportunity worldwide. At the Center, we believe that all humans beings are endowed with a capacity to learn, improve, and progress. Educational opportunity is the mechanism by which we fulfill that capacity.
About the Center :: Statistics

- Founder: David Wiley
- Renamed December 2005 (2.5 years)
- Size: 10 Staff (8.75 FTE), 2 Grad Assistants
- Funding: $6M Total / ~$1M Annual
- Current Funding Sources:
  - William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
  - National Science Foundation
About the Center :: Philosophy

• Do what we can…
• Recruit the right people
  – Smart, talented, dedicated
• Research and Development
• Build a capability
  – Rapid development, simple, relevant, useful, scalable
• Don’t reinvent the wheel
  – Use best of breed, mashups, innovative approaches

• Engineering Education Reform
  – NSF Synthesis Coalition

• Educational Digital Libraries
  – NEEDS—A Digital Library for Engineering Education
  – SMETE.ORG (~30 partners across U.S.)
  – National Science Digital Library

• Learning Technology Standards
  – IEEE Learning Object Metadata, Early IMS
Past :: Cal State University Chancellor’s Office (2002-2004)

• Educational Digital Libraries
  – MERLOT
Present :: COSL

• eduCommons
  – OCW Management System, software development, support and marketing
• USU OCW / Utah OCW Alliance
  – Course production
• OER Recommender / OCW Finder
  – Standards, collaboration, interoperability
• Open High School of Utah <- NEW!
  – Putting it all together!
Present :: COSL (cont.)

- **MOCSL**
  - Web 2.0 tools to enable use of open educational resources

- **Teachers Without Borders**
  - Support and development, capacity building

- **Open Learning Support**
  - Where we got started, community-based support for OCW
Future :: ???

• COSL
  – Interoperability
  – Open High School
    • Courses and Operations
    • “Library”