

Views from Media Union Pioneers

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The Media Union Mission

- As a unique situated place.
 - ◆ Unique, leading-edge facilities.
 - ◆ Mixing bowl for art, architecture, engineering, and music schools.
 - ◆ Explores openness in several senses.
 - ◆ Other....
- As a programmatic initiative.
 - ◆ Inquiry-based, creative (constructionist) approaches to learning enabled by new technologies.
 - ◆ Development of “cyber infrastructure” for UM.
 - ◆ Other...
- As part of a distributed environment for learning, discovery, and creation.

Some Issues

- Leadership, management, reporting line, partnerships
- Staffing, appointment models
- Financial support
 - ◆ Internal: base, special
 - ◆ External support; authority for external fund raising
- Sustaining the IT infrastructure at the leading edge

Agenda

- Statements from each panelist
- Cross comments/question from panelist & moderator.
- Open discussion

A little more photo history.....

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