Views from Media Union
Pioneers

Peter Banks (Engin), Paul Boylan (Music),
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Dan Atkins (Engin & moderator)
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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