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Scoping the eCommons

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Abstract:

The Strategic plan sets out a key objective for learning and teaching to ‘Develop a more comprehensive, integrated learning environment promoting the innovative use of new educational technologies and e-learning where there are demonstrable pedagogical benefits’. To assist with the delivery of this objective, Library and Learning Innovation are starting a university-wide project to create an eCommons.

The eCommons is currently defined as a coherent, integrated and easily navigable electronic environment incorporating the tools and resources necessary to enable students to learn online, to find the information resources they need, to communicate with each other and with their tutors, to work together collaboratively, to undertake research, and to manage their learning.

By July 2012 the project intends to engage and collaborate with the university senior management, academic faculties and departments, undergraduate and postgraduate students, the Union and support departments to set the vision of what the eCommons is, the benefits it can deliver and the features we would expect from it. This presentation will look to start a conversation about the eCommons by describing the potential impact it may have on a typical day in the life of an undergraduate.