General and Specific Comments

This paper presents the findings of implementing web 2.0 for managing masters thesis research activities and documentation at UNESCO-IHE. I think this is a useful contribution to this special issue, and should be published after addressing the following comments.

1) The authors mention the selection of web 2.0 versus LMS. However, there are several other file sharing systems now available including google docs, etc. It would be good if the authors can elaborate on the shortcomings of other popular avenues that students use these days for sharing information.

2) It would also be good to comment on the computational requirements to maintain such a system. For example, how much storage is needed to maintain this system and how is this handled at IHE. Is this outsourced to some IT department, or maintained by the regular staff. If any other institute is interested in implementing this, details like these will help. Storage is just one example. I encourage the authors to give some more thought to this issue and elaborate.

3) In the last paragraph of Section 3.3 (page 2552), authors mention that "everyone can edit any page and add new pages or alter any material". It is unclear what is meant by page here? does this mean a wiki page or any page of a document that someone else has uploaded. In either case, for example, if I am working on my thesis and I have created my page and material after putting lots of efforts, it will be upsetting to me if I see that someone else has modified or deleted the content without my consent. This should be clarified in the manuscript. It would be good if such cases have happened and how they were handled.

4) There are several typos in the document. Below I list the one that I found, but I encourage the authors to give close attention to typos and grammatical errors.

Editorial comments

Page 2542 line 6: it should be "using it as a customized personal learning …"

Page 2545 line 5: it should be "that the authorities have to.."

Page 2545 line 7: it should be " which assumes the employees.."

Page 2547 line 20: it should be use of rich content"

Page 2548 line 21: it should be " student-centered application that gives…"

Page 2553 line 7: it should be "encourage latter users.."

Page 2559 line 12: it should be "clearly none of these …"

Page 2559 line 14: it should be " on the other hand.."

Page 2560 line 10: it is not clear what is meant by "ingredients total integrated environment..)

Page 2561 line 3: " technology is but one"?