

# 2025 Sakai PMC Quarterly Meetings - Running Notes

## Q1 January PMC Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 28th 10AM-11:30AM (in place of Core Team Call)

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PMC Members:

Other Participants:

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Announcements

Sakai PMC Nominations and Off-Cycle Election

2025 Sakai Conferences/Events

Sakai/Apereio Ongoing Financial Discussion - Update

Discussion Topics:

Other items?

Adjourned

## Q2 PMC Meeting - April 29th

Tuesday, April 29th 10AM-11:30AM (in place of Core Team Call)

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Budget Update

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Sakai 2026-2028 Roadmap

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#### PMC Members:

- Wilma Hodges, Longsight
- Dede Hourican, Marist University
- Sam Ottenhoff, Longsight
- Earle Nietzel, Longsight
- Kunal Jaykam, LearnXP
- Shoji Kajita, Nagoya University
- Christina Schwiebert, Northwest State Community College
- Matthew Jones

#### Other Participants:

- Mark Golbeck - Learn XP
- Andrea Schmidt
- Jennifer Loudiana, Walsh Univ
- Julian Janetschek, MCI
- Pravin
- Eduardo Rey, U.Murcia
- Jorge Vilariño, U.Murcia

### Agenda

#### Announcements

- The Sakai 23 VPAT is now complete and available on the SakaiLMS.org website  
<https://www.sakailms.org/accessibility/vpat>

#### Sakai PMC Nominations and Off-Cycle Election

- There have been a couple of Sakai PMC Member nominations, so we'd like to do an off-cycle election.
- We would like to open the floor for any other nominations. Please get your nominations in by 02/28/2025 to be included in this voting cycle.

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- Voting to last approx. 2 weeks after nominations close.
- Matt Jones will send out an email soon with the nominees and a link to the voting form.
- Include a sample bio if self-nominating. See [PMC page if you need samples](#).

### 2025 Sakai Conferences/Events

- No in-person Sakai Camp (or Sakai Strategy Retreat) planned for this year.
- Also, no summer in-person SakaiCon planned.
- Sakai Virtual Conference will be our only dedicated Sakai event this calendar year.
  - Is Nov. still a good time frame for everyone? Or would folks prefer to have it in the summer?
    - November
      - Pros: It's same as previous years, predictable for those attending.
      - Cons: We won't have any Sakai events happening for most of the calendar year.
    - **Summer- July - Decision - (Week of July 14 looks good right now)**
      - **Maybe 2 days, with one day a premium paid developer bootcamp**
      - Pros: The event would happen sooner, more in line with other LMS summer conferences.
      - Cons: It will compete with other summer conferences so timing could be an issue. Also gives us less time for planning and soliciting presentations.

### Sakai/Apereio Ongoing Financial Discussion - Update

- Sakai Budget - Current Status [Nov. 2024 report](#)
  - The latest report from Apereio shows that the Sakai project is still \$189,858 in debt with what Apereio considers an "advance." This is an ongoing issue being discussed with Apereio.
  - Membership revenue continues in a downward trend.
  - Most recurring expenses are on pace with last year.
    - Note: The cost for community manager and release manager are no longer billed to Apereio. This is a savings from last year's expenses.
  - Dr. Chuck provides an overview and discussion of the work done to reclassify expenses and the work in the [Report Out folder](#) for Apereio to request these adjustments.
    - This data and summary letter will be sent to Patrick prior to Jan 31

### Discussion Topics:

- Sakai in the AI Age: What next?
  - Lots of LMSs are working to build AI elements, perhaps we should start thinking about places where this might be particularly effective?

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- For anyone interested in adding AI to Sakai, consider some of the advantages that Sakai has, such as the Search which is highly context-sensitive. Not a lot of places use Search, but Sakai has it.
  - Indexing all content in a site and feed it to AI instead of just feeding it to Search.
  - UI within web components could be changed/augmented with AI
- Think more about the fundamental reasons for using AI. How does it help our end users accomplish tasks?
  - Using our Help docs?
  - Pedagogical areas?
  - Building assessments, Creating Lessons based on content docs provided, Student tutoring based on performance on class activities
  - Feed an AI a ppt lesson and a youtube video and get back a multiple choice question test assessing if the students understand the material
  - Sakai is sitting on a million enhancement ideas, and the greatest roadblock has been developer resources to refactor things and help maximize our developer resources.
- Dr. Chuck wants to host a 3 hour webinar called “Expert Developers Using AI” with Sam, Earle, and Adrian, as a super expensive fundraiser for Sakai.
  - Not recorded, have to be there live
  - Dr. Chuck thinks he could sell it like crazy, \$200-\$300 per seat, like a pay per view
- Sakai Reimagined : Towards a component based architecture
  - Sakai is already a component based system, maybe elaborate on this?
    - Earle notes that the level of component-based architecture is fairly consistent over the last year.
    - Note Component Based Architecture is not the same as “Web Components”
  - Better services so that Sakai can be presented with any UI?
  - We are working on refactoring and clean-up, each iteration makes it easier to become more component based. 50% of the work now is laying the groundwork for future innovations.

Other items?

*(Feel free to add agenda items below.)*

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- Jennifer Loudiana - Walsh U
- Markus Stetschnig
- Juanma, EDF
- Eduardo Rey, UMU

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#### Announcements

- Sakai Virtual Conference - Call for Proposals April 30th!  
<https://sites.google.com/apereo.org/sakai-virtual-conference-2025/proposals>

#### Budget Update

- Quick recap of Apereo/Sakai budget discussions and outcome
- Review of Sakai's current operating funds
  - [2025-03-31 Financial Report](#)

#### Release Timeline

- Release timeline - Will we skip 26 and go straight to 27?
  - We just froze for 25 in March. Is it realistic to freeze again in time for 26 (i.e. Sept)?

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- General agreement that there isn't enough time to freeze for a 26.  
Probably best to skip it at this point. Don't need to decide immediately, but begin socializing the idea that there may not be a version 26.
- Should we stop doing maintenance releases entirely and just do tags?
  - Pros and cons to this approach. Would be challenging for a project the size of Sakai. We would need to improve automated testing. Not for us yet, but maybe for the future.

### Sakai 2026-2028 Roadmap

- Review 2024-2026 Roadmap to see which items have/haven't been completed
- Begin discussion, brainstorming, and prioritization for items that will be in the Sakai 26 (or 27) and later releases
  - See [working draft document](#)

Other items?

**Adjourned: 11:45 AM EDT**