What is Wimba?

Wimba is a collaborative software suite that is available for use with your Blackboard course. There are three Wimba products that professors use: Live Classroom, Voice Tools, and Pronto. There’s a new support site designed for instructors. 
http://www.wimba.com/support/instructors.php

Live Classroom

Live classroom is for audio and video enabled discussion in real time. It is essentially a desktop conferencing solution for real-time meetings. Students and professors may actually dialogue using audio, video and a whiteboard that allows interactivity. Chat capability is also available for those without microphones or as a handy area to share links as these are mentioned in conversation. In addition, the professor can run polls.  
*All instructors and students are required to take the Wimba Live training available online weekly. It’s well worth your time and will help with classroom communication regarding live events. 
http://www.wimba.com/support/liveclassroom/training.php

Voice Tools

Now, you can add a voice to your emails using the voice email option. You can add voice to your discussion boards with a tool called voice board. You can use voice direct for text chat or to talk over the Internet. Use Voice Recorder to create audio sound bytes that can be saved as MP3s and used for podcasts on Regent iTunes University.  
http://www.wimba.com/support/voicetools/training.php

Pronto

Pronto is instant messaging software available for those enrolled in your Blackboard course. Pronto allows for audio chat as well as text. Also, the main benefit of Pronto is it automatically links you with your classmates (unlike other IM programs)
http://www.wimba.com/support/pronto.php

How to Access Wimba Products and Get Tech Support

From the content area of your course, choose the select window at the top right on your screen. You may also access Voice email, Voice board, Pronto and Live Classroom through the Communication area of your course.

http://www.wimba.com/technicalsupport/