

# Missouri State University **Distance Education Committee Meeting**

September 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from April 19, 2021, were unanimously approved.

DEC meetings will continue via Zoom at least through the end of 2021, at which time the co-chairpersons will determine the feasibility of in-person meetings in Carrington Hall.

A brief update regarding the MOCRA application process reported the self-nominating method was quite successful, with 35 faculty members nominated by others or themselves.

New committee members introduced themselves and the committee members took a few minutes to introduce themselves to the new members while briefly updating the committee on distance learning activities in their departments and colleges.

Newly appointed DEC members:

Laura Hart, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology  
McQueary College of Humanities and Public Affairs

Nebil Buyurgan, Professor, Technology and Construction Management  
College of Business

Jessica Nelson, Assistant Professor, Counseling Leadership and Special Education  
College of Education

Discussion of the SP21 Online Course Preference Student Survey results included recommendations to clarify parameters of the survey objectives for improved student response and meaningful data. Considerations proposed were sending the survey to students with at least one previous online course and releasing the surveys to students currently enrolled in online courses during the semester, including students at the West Plains campus.

A subcommittee was formed to review survey results and the demographics report. The subcommittee members: John Turner (chair), Lacey Geiger, Chuck Hermans, Mark Woolsey. After their report to the committee, the survey information will be released, possibly in late November.

The committee discussed a few areas of interest for the committee to address. These included raising awareness of the Certified Distance Educator Award for professional development from Outreach and finding what training topics faculty are interested in. In the future, students may be asked to participate in research focus groups to assist in marketing Missouri State distance learning programs.

Dismissal

In Attendance:

Cindi Aurentz	Krista Lair
Jessica Bennett	Helena Metzker
Nichole Busdieker-Jesse	Joye Norris
Ching-Wen Chang	Kevin Piercy
Nebil Buyurgan	John Turner
Laura Hart	David White
Stephanie Hein	