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Online News *Byte*

“Information You Can Use”

2014 Master Online Course Recognition Award (MOCRA)

Nominations are right around the corner. If you have someone you would like to nominate please let us know by clicking on the icon below.



(Click on the picture above)

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2 Substantial Changes in the DPA

Starting in Fall 2014, there have been 2 substantial changes to the DPA that will benefit participating faculty:

1. In response to many requests from former DPA participants, the DPA now spans two semesters, Fall & Spring. Spreading the DPA process across 2 full semesters reduces the terrible pressure of having to complete all DPA work and course design in 8-12 weeks. Having more time to design your course can improve all aspects of the course, lead to greater faculty satisfaction with their design, and better faculty preparation to teach the course.
2. The DPA is now comprised of 2 online courses and a separate Peer Review in which faculty are required to participate. The first course is moderated by FCTL Instructional Designers and the second course is more self-paced. The focus of the first course is to provide a collegial environment in which to equip faculty with the tools and processes for designing an excellent course. The second course is focused on applying learning from the first course to building your actual course.

As always, the DPA culminates in the peer-review process. Each participating faculty reviews 2 other courses. Everyone receives feedback on their course from 2 anonymous reviewers.

FALL EVALUATIONS WILL BEGIN SOON

Please strongly encourage your students to fill out their surveys to ensure the best possible response rates. Courses that receive less than 5 responses will not generate a report in order to protect student anonymity. Student feedback helps us support our faculty who teach online.

KEEP UP ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON DISTANCE EDUCATION POLICIES

VISIT THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WEBSITE

<http://www.missouristate.edu/provost/distanceeducation/>

The Distance Education Committee is charged with reviewing, creating, and recommending direction and policy for the Provost's consideration for all alternative forms of teaching to include such things as: ITV, online, blended and iCourses. The committee will assist the Provost in coordinating and communicating these policies to the university community.

Meet the new addition to the Online Department!

Please welcome the new office administrator for Missouri State Online. Flor Maria Silva-Galicia started her new position with MS Online on October 16th. Flor has already been working in Access and Outreach at the front desk for almost a year. She will bring new skills and her enthusiasm to the position. Flor was recently recognized as an outstanding Latina women for Hispanic Heritage Month. The following statement by *El Mensajero M30; Memo Latapi* regarding her recognition says it all: Flor Silva-Galicia stands out in different fields in the Springfield community. Young and successful, this is how we describe Flor Silva-Galicia. Flor was chosen as one of the top eight Latinas in Springfield. These women demonstrate that it has been hard but not impossible to achieve their goals. Through this they never forgot their origins, but always acted with the virtues of humility and gratitude that only can be had when one has traveled down the road of adversity. I present Flor as one of the new class of Latina women that decided to take the reins of her destiny to lead; I present you one of top eight 2014's generation of M30 Latina Power.

Be sure to give her your support and patience as Flor learns the ins and outs of Missouri State Online.



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SARA Update for October 2014

More states are joining the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) enabling residents in these states to become students in Missouri State's online programs. Missouri is now in the process of implementation of its membership in SARA. SARA expects over 40 states will join in the compact by 2016. This agreement will greatly ease the process by which States currently approve out-of-state online program providers to serve students across the nation. The Missouri State Online website has a color-coded map of the USA with SARA states in purple. States where we are cleared for enrolling residents currently are in green. Red states are those whose residents are unable to participate in our online programs. Yellow states are those with have physical presence requirements. We may or may not be able to enroll those residents in our programs, depending upon the nature of the program itself with regard to physical activities in the host state such as clinical, internships, practicum or proctored exams. Please contact Gary Rader by email or phone if your online programs have students in yellow states seeking admission to your online program.

Please check back and visit the coded map for updates as the SARA agreement and its regional compacts expands its membership. <http://outreach.missouristate.edu/ArticulationAgreements.htm>

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<http://outreach.missouristate.edu/missouristateonline.htm>