DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 19, 2015 · Carrington 203
Minutes
Attendees: Deanne Camp, Lacey Geiger, Lora Hobbs, Stanley Leasure, Jeff Morrissey, Joye Norris, Gary Rader, Patti Salinas, Rose Utley

Review of minutes from 2/15/2015

- Seconded and approved.

Certified Distance Educator: Status Update –*Lacey Geiger and Gary Rader*

- A handout was given. Dr. Norris offered her appreciation towards the efforts of the committee.
- The name "Certified Distance Educator" was settled upon by the committee.
- For the first year, it was agreed that there would be retroactive certifications issued to recognize past faculty development activities.
- In the future, a deadline of February 10th is recommended as it coincides with the Digital Measures updates.
- It was agreed that a press-release should be created to alert people of this new certificate, and that it should be given to Deans of the departments that are represented on DEC.

Chair Vacancy and Review of Membership

- Patti Blanton was nominated for the chair. Seconded.
- Other Vacancies: CHHS, COE and Agriculture. It was agreed that we should try to fill the other upcoming vacancies over the summer. Joye Norris will inform Chris Craig of the vacancies.
- We need to renew our charge, and make sure (via the Provost Office) that all departments are aware of the Distance Education Committee's existence and purpose.
- At our next meeting, we should review membership, possible ad hoc members, bylaws and mission statement.

Report on Compliance Issues -- *Gary Rader*

- **Licensure:** Licensure would only be a problem if we had anything but national licensures. We do not.
- **Complaint Process:** Due to this project still being in progress, Gary would like to report on this at the next meeting.

Blackboard Outages Communication

- Lacey Geiger reported that all the methods of communication regarding blackboard outages should now be covered: Twitter, Facebook, Blog and Website.

- This opened a discussion of the debate regarding Adobe Connect VS. Adobe Collaborate, and whether one of them will go away in favor of standardization.

Online Evaluations

- Areas for future consideration involve the lack of response for online evaluations, and the fact that evaluations in COE and CHPA use the opposite scale than is used for online evaluations: i.e. Online is rated one to five, with five as best, and the departments are rated five to one, with one as best.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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