

Distance Education Committee Meeting

November 14, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from October 10, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

The committee discussed what can be done to ensure continued quality of online courses at MSU. Online course quality within Missouri State is measured in two ways: student feedback from end-of-semester course reviews and formal course reviews by department heads.

The FCTL is transitioning from the Online Learning Consortium Quality Scorecard (OLC-QS) rubric to the Quality Matters (QM) rubric. Suggestions were made to use the existing OLC-QS materials as training for all instructors or use Quality Matters training for instructors to become certified online course reviewers. This would benefit the university, although the QM training cost may be an issue.

It was suggested that a Master Online Course Instructor certificate program could be offered through the FCTL. Like the Master Advisor training design, regular workshops would be part of maintaining the certification.

The committee discussed the end-of-course surveys for online courses. The current Watermark survey structure requires adding targeted survey questions to online courses one at a time. This is time consuming. A Survey Design sub-committee was asked to investigate building better survey questions using a simplified version of the QM rubric. This tool should allow the development of survey questions which correspond to the online course design elements and goals used for building an online course.

Sub-Committee members: John Turner, Tracy Stout, Brandon Decker, and Eric Taylor.

The sub-committee will give updates in upcoming committee meetings.

Dismissal

In attendance:

Nichole Busdieker-Jesse	Tracy Stout
Nebil Buyurgan	Eric Taylor
Brandon Decker	John Turner
Laura Hart	David White
Krista Lair	Kenneth Brown