

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

## September 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from April 25, 2022, approved with minor spelling corrections.

Committee member introduced themselves and gave brief reports of their department/college distance learning activities and accomplishments in AY22.

In attendance:

Nichole Busdieker-Jesse, COAG	Kevin Piercy, Computer Services
Nebil Buyurgan, COB	Tracy Stout, Library
Brandon Decker, Director, Distance Programs	Eric Taylor, FCTL
Laura Hart, CHPA	John Turner, COAL
Joye Norris, Associate Provost	David White, West Plains Online Instructor
Krista Lair, West Plains Instructional Designer	

COAG continued strategies to increase access to agricultural economics and communications online.

COAL added online graduate programs and noted the increased demand for online courses.

CHPA also noted an increased interest in online courses and programs.

COB reported 30% to 40% of students are in online courses. The demand for seated course options has increased by 30%

The Faculty Center for Learning and Teaching continued workshops and bootcamps for faculty developing and teaching online courses.

The Library started developing an online graduate certificate in Library Media Specialist.

The Provost's Office has expressed an interest in expanding distance programming and DEC will be asked for more recommendations as topics of development are researched.

MSU-West Plains noted that the increased interest in online courses presents a challenge with one instructional designer available on campus.

Computer Services advised that the University's contract with Blackboard ends with this academic year.

Topics for AY23 committee meetings were set up with the question, "What to students want?" Recommendation made to emphasize use of FCTL templates for online course structure, some departments are already moving to adopt a general standard template. Students want consistency with their course access and navigation.

Student and faculty surveys should continue as a means to compare trends and student responses. Subcommittees may be formed to build/revise surveys, including a way to measure faculty responses regarding the compatibility of their instructional methods with the instructional platform they use.

The examination of online student fees for equity of services provided was put forth as an item for discussion. Also, a guest speaker from Counseling was suggested for DEC to discuss mental wellbeing in the University culture.

In other business, a copy of student responses to the survey question "Describe a time when you felt really engaged in a class. What tools were being used? Was it online, blended or in-class?" were handed out. A demographics report of the survey respondents will be discussed in the next meeting.

Dismissal