

Distance Education Committee Meeting

January 31, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from September 20, 2021, were approved by the committee members.

The new Director of Distance Programs and Policy, Dr. Brandon Decker, was introduced. Brandon will join the Outreach staff on February 14, 2022.

Jessica Bennet led a short discussion of the 2021 Spring Online Course Preference Student Survey.

Discussion followed and it was noted that transfer students have expressed a need for more online course options, particularly the required general education courses. Since transfer students are often registering later in the sequence, there are generally limited online options. For example, there are only two courses offered online out of the nine options for the Life Sciences section in the General Education Worksheet and they are quickly filled. From an advisor standpoint, it is difficult to tell so many students that a Gen. Ed course is not offered online.

The committee discussed the pending changes for the Blackboard learning management system. The contract is expiring in the next year and the cost for the University is projected to significantly increase. A request was made for committee members to visit with other instructors regarding different LMS platforms and share information with the committee in a future meeting.

Missouri State now has a site license for Camtasia to use for instructional purposes, meaning academic videos only. Eric Taylor is working on the announcement for the University. Camtasia can be used in computer labs as well as regular classrooms. The licensure does include the West Plains campus.

Dismissal

In Attendance:

Cindi Aurentz	Krista Lair
Jessica Bennett	Jessica Nelson
Nichole Busdieker-Jesse	Joye Norris
Nebil Buyurgan	Kevin Piercy
Brandon Decker	John Turner
Laura Hart	David White
Stephanie Hein	