

Distance Education Committee Meeting

February 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from January 31, 2022, were unanimously approved.

The short form for online MOCRA nominations will be the same this year. The announcement for open nominations will go out through the Blackboard Missouri State Online Instructors group, FCTL blog, Provost communicate, etc. It was suggested the MOCRA review committee consist of the Distance Programs director, a faculty member and an FCTL representative.

2021 Spring Online Course Preference Student Survey:

Half of the respondents indicated the option to take online courses was important when they decided to attend MSU. While more than half of students still prefer a traditional education, about a third of students needed online options and the flexibility to fit course work into their schedules.

When asked if the COVID-19 restrictions had changed their opinion of online courses, 78% responded that their opinion has either remained the same or improved. The responses included 22% who indicated their opinion of online classes is worse now than before COVID-19.

Survey analysis will continue, and an update will be provided in future meetings.

The committee agreed that another survey would be beneficial to build comparison values and better identify some student needs. It was recommended that a survey be sent to students shortly after early registration for FA22 closes.

Additional discussion included targeting the graduate students in a survey.

Dismissal

Guest – Chuck Hermans

In Attendance:

Jessica Bennett	Joye Norris
Nichole Busdieker-Jesse	Kevin Piercy
Nebil Buyurgan	Stacy Rice
Laura Hart	John Turner
Stephanie Hein	David White
Krista Lair	