

## DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

3.31.11

**Attendees:** Bill Piston, John Bourhis, Betty Evans, Deanne Camp, Jo Agnew-Tally, Neil Callahan, Art Spisak, Jeff Morrissey, Gary Rader, Chantal Levesque-Bristol, Rose Utley, David White

### 1) Title III Grant Update – Jeff

Reported that the Department of Education (DOE) will not be soliciting 2011 Title III grant proposals, instead they will continue funding the proposals from last year. Missouri State will continue the development of our grant proposal and plan to submit it to the DOE for next year's solicitation.

### 2) University looking at outside company to 'build' programs – Chantal

DEC was brought up to speed with the latest changes in the works for the FCTL. Moving IDs/production and DE to new Associate Provost for Access and Outreach and other components under Dr. Darabi.

Much DEC confusion and discussion regarding the pros and cons as well as how the changes may or may not blend with Student Success and Faculty Development. Many questions regarding "why" when currently poised and ready to do the job, faculty are just now understanding how FCTL can work for them, spending the previous 6-9 months on DPA/quality standards to no end, lengthy delay in implementation of current projects in waiting for new hire, what exactly is the role of DEC, concern over faculty having appropriate time to react to changes and potential for unhappiness, course content ownership, is this a priority of Dr. Cofer, concern over +/-70% of income going to Academic Partnership, what exactly is benefit, etc.

Was mentioned that many areas were asked to look into outsourcing, so can be viewed as investigating options versus a negative. Provost was quoted as saying no one will be forced to do this. Overall consensus is that it isn't a good solution to farm academic programs out.

Extensive discussion regarding one-day Dallas trip to visit with **Academic Partnerships** and whom was invited/not invited to attend. Were faculty represented? Why was DEC not consulted? Jeff is going, though not in DEC capacity; going as technology consultant and will report back to the committee.

Motion: to keep IDs in FCTL for professional development.

### 3) Report on the status of the out of state online student compliance project – Gary

Herb Lundy (W. Plains) and Michelle Norgren (Mtn. Grove) are also joining forces to meet this compliance. We are in the "good faith" area and have addressed the states with the highest enrollees first. There are many variations in expectations and costs to comply across the nation.

### 4) Strategy for 3-5 year review/evaluation to bring existing courses up to date. \$55 stipend for 3-hour course – Chantal and Art

New policy covers all cases for online courses and is essentially a finished product; provost is supportive and is ready for final approval... Need input on a timeline for implanting by fall 2011.

Deep discussion hinged upon FCTL update, Topic 2), and plans for new Associate Provost. It was decided to table this topic until July when exact role of new position is fully established and this topic can possibly be added to their agenda.

### 5) Follow up/update on "IT Road Show" for faculty to meet support personnel – Jeff

Jeff's staff was preparing to tour to talk over services and listen to feedback with regard to overall technology services. Information Security training will occur in the various colleges over the next couple of months.

## **6) Online student evaluation (target completion end of March) – Jeff**

Created hierarchies of colleges, instructors and questions and classes have been loaded. Meeting set for Monday to finalize communications, etc.

Automated and secure through My Missouri State for the pilot (integration into BB may in the future). Results are not seen unless threshold of 5 respondents is met. This threshold stands for all classes. As we experiment, we can look at incentives or incorporating as an assignment, requirements for grades to be released, etc.

Question was raised about the ability for faculty to add personalized questions. Potential is good, though not during pilot.

Costs: \$3,000 for 4,800 surveys per year, or unlimited surveys for \$12,000 per year.

### **Other topics**

#### ***Blackboard***

Can individual training be given to a specific group? BB9 transition plan – contact Kevin Piercy or Brenda Burrell for training opportunities, open labs and support questions.

Jeff to provide BB9 document for DEC's information.

Training for BB is staying in Computer Services.

Cannot run BB 8 and BB 9 together. What happens to old BB 8 courses? Is there a risk in SU 11 to lose a course? No, it will still be there in the fall. Courses can be viewed, but no delivery capability. How much lead time will faculty need? Depends on experience and usage.

#### ***Help Desk Hours***

Rumor of lessened Computer Services support hours was dispelled. Hours were improved to best meet volumes (increased in some areas) and be able to support payroll of personnel.

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