

DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

3.31.11

Attendees: Bill Piston, John Bourhis, Betty Evans, Deanne Camp, Jo Agnew-Tally, Neal 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.

The possibility of working with Academic Partnerships for online course delivery was discussed. A number of questions and concerns were covered. A group of representatives from Missouri State will travel to Dallas to investigate possibilities with Academic Partnerships and the University of Texas at Arlington. More information will be available when they return from Dallas.

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 implementing by fall 2011.

It was decided to table this topic until July when exact role of new associate provost 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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