

Missouri State University
Distance Education Committee Meeting

April 5, 2018

Meeting Minutes

1. March 1, 2018 DEC meeting minutes approved
2. Committee membership and renewal for second term: Ching-Wen Chang, Jan Atwell and Caryn Saxon agreed to continue as DEC members for a second term.
3. Co-Chair for 2018-2019 academic year:

Call for volunteers to serve as committee co-chair. After discussion, Ching-Wen Chang agreed to continue as committee co-chair for the 2018-2019 year.

4. Report on new nomination and submission process with MOCRA:

We received 25 MOCRA nominations using the simplified online format, 21 faculty submitted course information. All were good quality courses. Final selections were:

Tracy Dalton, Best in All Categories for ENG 377 – Scientific and Technical Editing

Ching-Wen Chang, Best in Course Technology and Tools for EDT 650 – Selection and Utilization of Educational Technology

Ivy Yarckow-Brown, Best in Design and Layout for CRM 334 – Homicide

Kayla Lewis, Best in Content and Activities for RDG 781 – Assessment of Literacy Problems

Helena Metzker, Best in Interaction for CHM 107 – Chemistry for the Citizen

Ethan Amidon, Best in Assessment and Feedback for CRM 340 – Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Trophies will be presented at the annual All Faculty Recognition Reception May 1, 2018.

5. Blackboard Cloud discussion:

Message sent to faculty from the LMS Advisory Committee regarding changes with the Blackboard system was unclear. Discussed points which were inaccurate or unclear. Committee members agreed that better phrasing and sending messages several times ahead of future events with accurate information and follow-up messages from MS Online would provide clarity and more time for preparation.

Committee members discussed the hosting platform changes with Blackboard. Function and appearance remain in familiar format, service greatly expands capacity for online courses. Three years of online courses are archived, faculty can save their own courses as well. Transition to cloud service over summer. MSU has a one-year contract with Software as a Service, with option for 4 renewals.

6. General discussion:

General consensus that May meeting not necessary, will resume DEC meetings in the fall.

7. Dismissal

In attendance: Ching-Wen Chang, Stacy Rice, Chuck Hermans, Christie Sudbrock, Richard Johnson, Gary Rader, Lacey Geiger, Jeff Morrissey, Jessica Bennett, Stephanie Hein, Caryn Saxon, Gary Iman