

MSU Distance Education Committee Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018

Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2018 approved.

Distance education updates from committee members:

The Agriculture Dept. developed an undergraduate certificate in Agriculture Business. The proposal is in the final curriculum approval process. The certificate will have a path that can be completed online.

Hospitality Leadership has recently moved their BS online (previously only had the BAS).

Management & Information Technology redesigned the online undergraduate program designated as Information Technology. The Infrastructure emphasis track is currently available online, the Application Development emphasis track is continuing development to be offered online. They are exploring options to bring the MS in CIS back online as well.

Library Science has been successful with two online sections of LIS 101, and they have made research resources available to online students as well.

Chemistry has had success with online CHM 107, and is looking at options for moving CHM 108 (lab) online as well. They have had good feedback from new online lab manuals from [Bluedoor Labs](#). Faculty report it is easier to grade, has more consistency, and provides immediate feedback for students.

Faculty have expressed overall concerns regarding student authenticity and academic integrity. Some discussion regarding ways to make faculty more aware of tools for high-quality online courses included the suggestion of a simplified and centralized source for faculty resource information, which could be promoted via Inside Missouri State newsletters. There are several free applications or programs faculty can use to develop course content such as [Mediasite](#), [Screencast-O-Matic](#), [Zoom](#), etc.

Blackboard Software as a Service (Cloud-hosted) was implemented this summer, with over 3,000 courses set up for the FA18 semester. Faculty can now request their SP19 course shells, using the Class Dashboard feature.

Chuck Hermans provided an update regarding SU18 Online Marketing Pilot Project (RN to BSN). Sixteen students were admitted, with 6 who registered for FA18 courses. He reported there are areas for improvement in communication across the application/registration process. Some of the communication issues may be resolved by the new application system, but bottlenecks remain in the advising process.

Chuck had also reviewed Core42 online options over the summer to ensure that we have a sufficient pathway to completion in that framework.

Lacey Geiger conducted a pilot program with CNAS using EvaluationKit student surveys in Blackboard for FA18 seated/blended courses. A sub-committee was formed to review student survey formats and questions, and the development of a survey form that can be adaptable for all instruction modalities.

Updates in Distance Ed Policy Handbook are in process, committee members were asked to send Lacey any points of information they feel should be addressed. Updates should be completed before October DEC meeting, and revised information will be reviewed and discussed. Jeff Morrissey suggested adding Accessibility information, as this will be important with the purchase of Blackboard Ally (implementation TBA).

Student Survey Development Committee: Lacey Geiger, Helena Metzger, Caryn Saxon

Reviewing existing student evaluation surveys to consider options for moving to a digital system campus-wide. Concerns about survey fatigue with multiple evaluations per course, but we need to preserve ability to compare courses by modality as well as department/college needs.

DEC Planning Committee: Jessica Bennett, Ching-Wen Chang, Jeff Morrissey, Stacy Rice

Exploring areas of emphasis and goals for DEC this academic year.

Dismissal 5 pm

Attendees: Jan Atwell, Jessica Bennett, Ching-Wen Chang, Lacey Geiger, Stephanie Hein, Chuck Hermans, Gary Iman, Richard Johnson, Krista Lair, Helena Metzker, Jeff Morrissey, Joye Norris, Stacy Rice, Caryn Saxon, Christi Sudbrock, David White