Distance Education

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CONGRATULATIONS! ...and the winner is...

1st Annual Master Online Course Recognition Award

The selection panel met January 31, 2011 to review and vote on the 1st Annual Master Online Course Recognition Award. Congratulations to the winner, Eric Nelson, Associate Professor of History. Diana Botsford, Deanne Camp and Belle Federman were our top 3 finalists.

Please join us for the award presentation in conjunction with the Faculty Service Awards ceremony in the PSU Ballroom on May 2, 2011.

The 2011 contest will begin later this spring – Check back for more information on the DE Website.

Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome!

The FCTL has added two new Instructional Designers to its faculty and course development team!

Please welcome Jo Ann Mattson and Bruce Richards who join Nancy Gordon in aiding faculty achieve their student learning objectives by applying innovative instructional techniques and offering a variety of course-related support.

Come to our office in LIB 204 to meet our new members or visit www.missouristate.edu/fctl for contact information and other opportunities.
Do you get your copy?  

Online Classroom brings advice and inspiration to educators making the transition into distance education. As a member of our campus community, you have this valuable professional development resource available at no cost to you.

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Click on this link to find out how easy it is to sign up: 
http://www.missouristate.edu/provost/distanceeducation/101775.htm

Process Improvement

The Distance Education Division of the FCTL has been working to improve visibility and predictability in the approval and development process for newly proposed online courses. The following flow chart shows the process in a nutshell, and we encourage you to see the full process on the FCTL/DE website, which will be posted by the end of March.

If you have questions about the procedure and process involved with the proposal, approval and development of online courses, please contact the Director of Online Education Development and Policy at 417.836.7619 or garyrader@missouristate.edu.

New Course Development Process Flow Chart

- Fully complete submittal form
- Include destination FOAP for faster allocation
- Obtain signatures (Instructor, Dept Head, Dean)
- Return College/Department copies
- Forward to DE
- DE sends email acknowledgement of received form
- DE seeks approval from Provost Office (Provost determines stop and eligibility)
- DE sends notification of approval or denial for stipend
- DE sends email contact faculty via email or telephone to schedule course planning meeting
- IDEs will contact faculty via email or telephone to schedule course planning meeting
- IDEs and faculty discuss options for best practices, development and support
- Criteria to be provided
- Example: 16 weeks content completed
- Criteria to be provided
- DE submits all approved courses for payment based on payment dates (Jan, May, August)
- If courses not completed prior to review, they are submitted on the next payment date
Two great Webinar topics remain in the spring semester. Please visit the master calendar for more details, or you may register through the links below.


2. 12 pm April 28th, “Teaching an Online Course Developed by Others”

In support of Missouri State University students who are enrolled in dual credit or online courses, the Writing Center is offering asynchronous e-mail tutoring.

A study conducted by Lee-Ann Kastman Breuch and Sam Racine of the University of Minnesota at St. Paul (2000), concluded that, “although online tutoring and face-to-face tutoring occupy different spaces, the same pedagogical goals – namely, student-centered, process-based pedagogy – can be facilitated equally well in both mediums” (p. 246). Breuch and Racine also noted that “the training used in face-to-face centers does not translate easily to online writing centers...e-mail interactions require new strategies” (p. 246).

The process is simple. The student e-mails the answers to some questions that will enable the writing consultant to begin a dialogue and then attaches a paper in either Word or rich-text format to an e-mail and sends it to writingcenter@missouristate.edu.

**Website:** http://writingcenter.missouristate.edu.