

DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the November 7, 2013 Meeting

Attendees: Patti Blanton, Deanne Camp, Lora Hobbs, Gary Iman, Stan Leasure, Arden Miller, Jeff Morrissey, Joye Norris, Gary Rader, Patti Salinas, Chulapol Thanomsing, Rose Uteley

1) Review of minutes from October 3, 2013

Dr. Uteley moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Jeff Morrissey seconded- minutes approved.

2) Online Student Survey – Review Faculty Feedback

Dr Rader reviewed feedback he received from faculty teaching online in response to his announcement that the revised survey would be implemented this fall. Only a few faculty commented but those who did raised concerns about changing end of course evaluations on short notice. It was suggested the survey be launched in the spring and a new communique sent out with the revised launch date. The DEC unanimously agreed the new survey, with additional changes noted, be launched in the spring. The DEC offered to survey their fall classes as a trial while using the old survey for the remaining fall online classes. West Plains will use the new survey as well. The new survey, with additional changes noted (see attachment), will be launched as written in the spring and then reviewed for any concerns. Dr. Rader informed committee of drawing for Starbucks cards for the students completing their surveys to increase participation.

3) Update on LMS Advisory Committee

Jeff Morrissey stated the LMS Committee meets weekly. The ALC wanted general information, cost and features of providers. The LMS committee identified Canvas, Desire2Learn and Blackboard as having sufficient market share to include in the comparison study of companies. Currently, 60-65% of Springfield faculty teach with Blackboard and new students will have experience with Blackboard at OTC and Canvas at SPS. Next week the committee will create one-page profiles about each vendor. Deans can use the profiles to discuss with their colleges, the various features of each LMS to get a sense of faculty desire to change vendors. If there is a desire to compare vendors, the final step would be to send out an RFTP to the LMS vendors. Jeff Morrissey gave examples of pros and cons of each program hosting service.

4) Emeritus Faculty Per-head Stipend Payments

Dr. Miller discussed the \$55 per-head stipend paid to part-time and full-time faculty but not Emeritus. The DEC would like to recommend correction for the stipend payment. Dr. Rader volunteered to speak to Dr. Craig as to why this is. Dr. Craig might know why this policy was originally approved.

5) Additional Agenda Items

Dr. Rader announced that the Master Online Course Recognition Awards (MOCRA) were open for nominations and asked if the DEC members wanted to nominate themselves or anyone else. Jeff Morrissey suggested posting info on Blackboard or My Missouri State for advertising. Per Dr. Rader, the MOCRA announcement will be put into the Provost Communique next week.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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