

## DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Meeting

**Attendees:** Neal Callahan, Deanne Camp, Betty Evans, Joye Norris, Bill Piston, Gary Rader, David White

**Guests:** Chulapol Thanomsing (West Plains Instructional Designer via ITV)

### 1) Review of minutes from 2.2.12 meeting

Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next DEC meeting due to lack of a quorum.

### 2) West Plains follow up

David White explained that the funding for the *Online Adventures* program came from a \$4000 grant provided by the Philanthropic Women for Education organization. David introduced Chulapol Thanomsing, a new (grant-funded) Instructional Designer in West Plains. David will continue to attend DEC meetings via ITV when possible. He stated that Chulapol could attend in his place when necessary. Requests for agenda items will be sent out prior to each DEC meeting so that everyone can have an opportunity to submit agenda items as needed.

### 3) Online Student Data (handout)

The committee reviewed the online student data handout. It was noted that there is a 3:1 ratio of traditional to non-traditional students taking online courses. It was determined that the handout included unduplicated head count of students currently taking online courses. David stated that he would try and get something like this generated for West Plains.

### 4) Student survey framework

Nancy Gordon and Gary Rader will meet to discuss the student survey and coordinate with Kelly Cara from the Assessment Center in the FCTL. David stated that West Plains has surveys that he will send to Gary Rader for reference. Joye Norris stated that Kathy Coy provided a Graduate Assistant to help with the faculty survey. Joye stated that she would contact Kathy to see if there is anyone available to conduct research among other institutions regarding surveys they are using in order to have a comparison.

### 5) Other Business

The Digital Professor Academy was discussed. It was determined that the committee needed an update on the DPA and requested that Nancy Gordon provide an update to the DEC members at some time in the future. Joye stated that Nancy Gordon, Jo Ann Matson, and Bruce Richards presented at the AAA meeting and thought that it would be valuable to present to the DEC at some point and the committee agreed.

Minutes submitted by:

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