

DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the April 3, 2014 Meeting

Attendees: Joye Norris, Gary Rader, Rose Utley, Patti Blanton, Gary Iman, Stan Leasure, Kristi Oetting, Lacey Geiger, Lora Hobbs, Paula Wilhelm, Nancy Gordon, Jeff Morrissey, Chulapol Thanomsing

- 1) **The minutes were approved**, with the addition of an amendment by Jeff Morrissey, to the effect that the Missouri Bookstore situation with Blackboard is something that we can opt-out of, not necessarily something that we are forced to undertake.
- 2) **Master Online Faculty Certification.** Guests Nancy Gordon, Paula Wilhelm and Kristi Oetting shared background on the Digital Professor Academy (DPA), BlackBoard Blackbelt, and HR professional development system.. The committee discussed the possibility of modeling the online master advisor certification on the Master Advisor program, using the DPA as the foundation and requiring 12 classes to get the certification and renewing it annually through additional class. Arden Miller suggested that people could self-select the classes, allowing them to skip pieces that are familiar. Paula Wilhelm said it would be possible to set it up so that people would get credit for attending their classes; even outside classes, which you can obtain credit by using a "Request for Credit" in the HR system. Nancy Gordon mentioned that half the people going through the DPA program are doing it without the stipend at this point (i.e. because they simply *want to*). Kristi Oetting mentioned that Educause classes are available to the faculty at large and recorded sessions are available. A sub-committee was formed including Julie Masterson, Stan Leasure, Rose Utley, Paula Wilhelm and Kristi Oetting and Gary Iman (chair) to discuss how to structure the certification, how many classes/credits would be required, and what kind of information would be pooled. A tentative goal of Spring 2015 was set for the premiere of this program. The sub-committee will report back next month.
- 3) **Follow Up on the Online Student Readiness Survey.** There was a further discussion of the Online Student Readiness Survey. The questions that the sub-committee came up with were discussed. Stan Leasure moved that the sub-committee refine the survey and implement in the fall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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